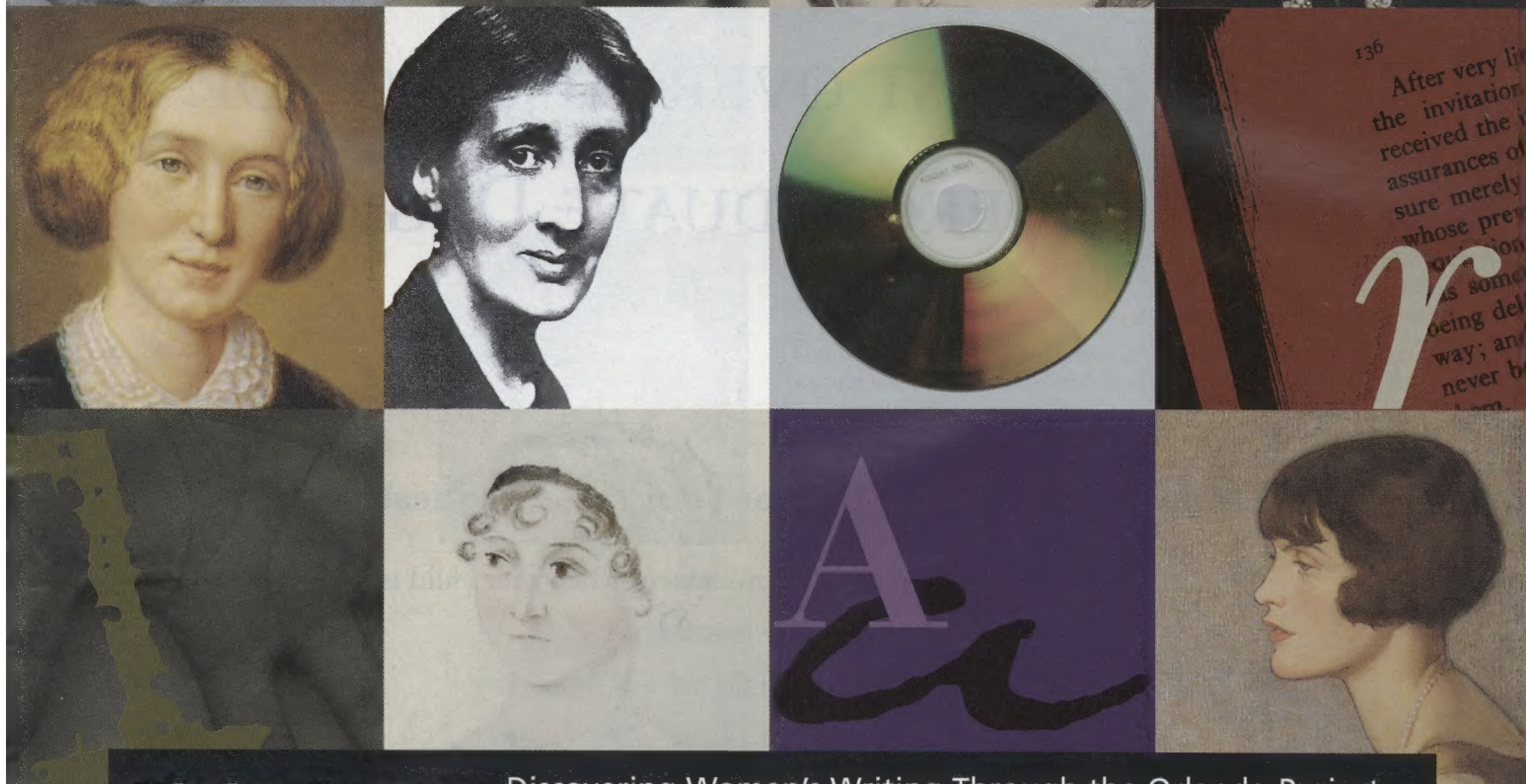


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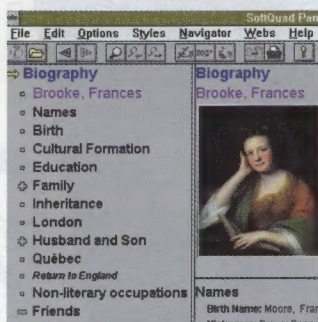
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BASE CAMP



My family has close ties to the University of Alberta. My mother came to campus in the late 1940s to obtain the teaching certificate that

allowed her to teach school off and on for some 30 years while raising six children.

Of those six children, five of us have our own ties to the University. I began a combined Arts-Law program, but left after a year to travel, ended up studying journalism elsewhere and have now worked on campus more years than I like to admit. My oldest sister graduated from the nursing school at the U of A Hospital, where she continues to work as a neurosurgical intensive care nurse. One of my brothers has a BEd degree; another completed a BCom program. My youngest sister graduated from the bachelor's program in speech pathology in 1987 and is now one of the first graduates of the University's new master's program in speech – she will receive that degree at Spring Convocation 1997. Looking beyond my immediate family, I have an aunt with a U of A pharmacy degree and 14 cousins with one or more (in one case three) U of A degrees.

In the extent of its ties to the University, my family is not exceptional. There are many families with U of A ties throughout three or even four generations. Some of them must be able to claim scores of graduates.

In fact, the Alumni Association wants to find out which family can boast the most graduates within its ranks. Early in 1997 the Association is planning to celebrate the connections families have to this University and wants to hear from families with two, three, or more generations of U of A graduates. There will be prizes, recognition and a special celebration at Alumni House. (See page 14 for more details.)

If your family, like my family, has U of A roots that run deep, we want to hear from you.

Rick Pilger
Editor



School of HARD KNOCKS

Drama professor J.P. Fournier trains students in the art of stage fighting

Fencing and stage combat professor Jean-Pierre Fournier, '73 BFA, has endured broken bones an aching 35 times. Given his potentially dangerous line of work, it's ironic that only three of those breaks – all to the nose – occurred in an effort to make staged fights look effortlessly real. "It is very, very rare for an actor to get hurt, even in rehearsal," says the Drama Department faculty member of 23 years. "What [stage combat training] does is keep actors safe and give them a great sense of focus."

The seemingly fearless fight director has incurred most of his injuries "doing the kinds of things most people don't do" – most recently, riding his motorcycle (five broken ribs). His pursuit of the daring and unusual led him to England for specialized stage-fighting training after graduating from the acting program at the U of A. For several months he studied under renowned fight directors and learned the jealously guarded secrets of their craft. As one of the top fight directors in Canada, he has worked on projects ranging from television shows (*North of 60*, *Jake and the Kid*), to movies (*Heaven and Earth*), to theatre, including more Shakespeare than you can shake a sword at – at least 17 productions of *Romeo and Juliet*, alone. He has also worked



Fournier looking for a (sword) fight in a production of *The Three Musketeers*.

extensively as an actor, and is currently pursuing an MFA in directing from the University.

Fournier, who recently became an honorary member of the British Academy of Dramatic Combat and is the vice-president of the Fight Directors Canada, believes stage combat is an important part of every actor's training. "It really helps add another element to an actor's 'muscle,'" he says. Some of Fournier's students will be brandishing their skills at a free "Fight Knight" stage combat presentation on 24 January at 7:30 p.m. in the Thrust Theatre in the Fine Arts Building. No one, Fournier promises, will *really* get hurt. 🐾

Open for Business

The U of A is open for business in downtown Calgary – not the business of teaching and research, students and classes, but of keeping alumni, friends, and the southern Alberta community informed about the University of Alberta and its activities.



Richard Walker

The Southern Alberta Liaison Office, or SALO, will provide a base for the development, industry liaison, and alumni and community outreach activities of the University of Alberta throughout southern Alberta. It is located in downtown Calgary, in the Bank of Hong Kong building.

SALO opened this past September with Richard Walker, a senior development officer with responsibility for major gifts, at the helm as manager. He will be providing support for University of Alberta Campaign activities in Calgary and southern Alberta. 🐾

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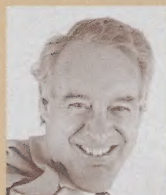
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Margaret-Ann Armour



David Cass



David Cook

Three members of the U of A community have received 1996 3M Teaching Fellowships – Canada's only national honor for excellence in university teaching. The U of A has received a total of 16 of the prestigious awards, the most of any university in the country, since their creation in 1986.

This year's U of A winners include chemistry teacher **Margaret-Ann Armour**, biological sciences professor **David Cass**, and pharmacology professor **David Cook**.

In November the winners attended a three-day retreat in Quebec courtesy of the sponsors of the award, 3M Canada and the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. 🐾

Poet in Motion

Professor E.D. Blodgett completes a U of A hat-trick at the Governor General's Awards

Illustration by Ed Kuskiak

For the third consecutive year, a University of Alberta professor has won a prestigious Governor General's Award for literature. Comparative literature professor E. D. Blodgett won the 1996 poetry prize in November for his recent book *Apostrophes: woman at a piano* published by Buschek Books in Ottawa.



Blodgett is a founder of the discipline of comparative studies at the U of A, and is now a professor in the recently-formed Department of Modern Languages and Comparative Studies in the Faculty of Arts. He is a renowned translator of archival

literary works and is known for his scholarship on the literatures of Canada. In 1994 Blodgett became a University Professor, the highest rank attainable by a professor at the U of A.

In 1995 English professor Greg Hollingshead won the English-language fiction award for his short story collection *The Roaring Girl*, and the same award in 1994 went to professor emeritus Rudy Wiebe for his novel *A Discovery of Strangers*. The Governor General's Awards are among Canada's most prestigious literary awards and carry a \$10,000 prize. 🐾

Lotus Studio



A Very Good Year

The Association of Professors Emeriti at the U of A is offering three custom-bottled wines – a Chardonnay, a Piesporter, and a Cabernet – both for retail sale or for enjoyment at the Faculty Club on campus. Association president Gerald McCaughey says the Emeritus House wines have been very popular on campus since their release this autumn. With the support of manager Peter Graf they've been a hit at the Faculty Club, which sold 20 cases in the first six weeks. Emeritus

House wine is available by the case from the Wine Cellar (12421-102 Avenue, Edmonton; 488-9463), or for more information, call Emeritus House at 492-2914. 🐾



During the "What's Up Doc?" lecture series, Edmonton alumni and members of the public are invited to brown-bag it on the third Thursday of each month to hear some of the University's best professors deliver rich food for thought on wide-ranging topics. (City Room in City Hall, 12:15–12:45 p.m.)

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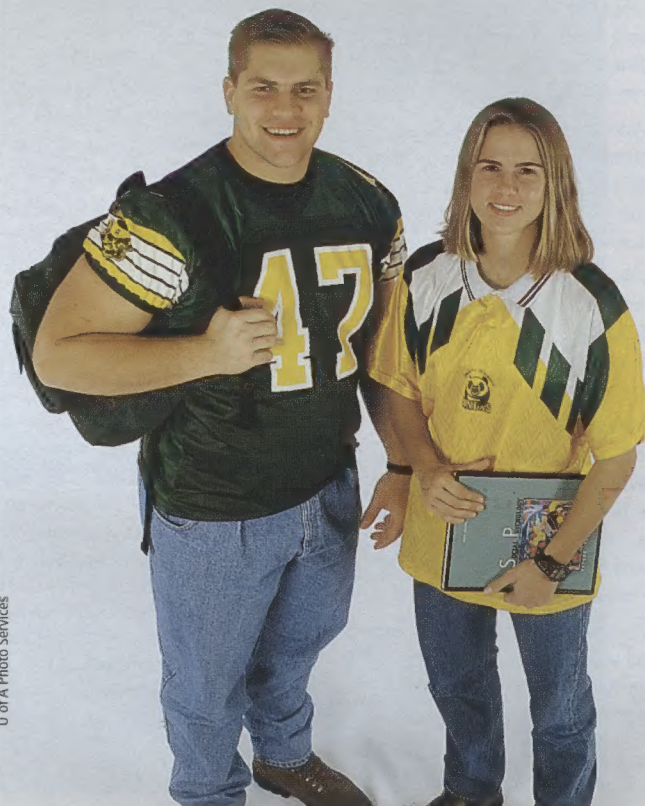
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Golden Bears football player **Sam Stetsko** (second-year medicine) and Pandas soccer player **Liz Smith** (fourth-year physical education) are just two members of the U of A's all-star academics and athletics team. The U of A has 69 CIAU Academic All-Canadians this year and nearly 350 in total from 1990-96 – more than any other university in Canada. 🐾



BEAR COUNTRY

Don Hammond



At the University's Annual General Meeting held on 18 September, Board of Governors chair **John Ferguson**, '64 BCom, announced the co-chairs of the University of Alberta Campaign. The three outstanding Canadians chosen to lead the University's most ambitious fundraising initiative ever are former federal cabinet minister the Right Honourable **Don Mazankowski**, '93 LLD (Honorary), Cathton Holdings vice-president **Cathy Roozen**, '77 BCom, and Interprovincial Pipeline Energy Ltd. president and CEO **Brian MacNeill**. The Campaign is to be publicly launched in April 1997. 🐾

Courses à la carte

Take it one course at a time in Open Studies

This winter marks the last time that more than 1,000 unclassified students will register to study on the University of Alberta campus. As of spring 1997 they will lose the vague label "unclassified" and enroll in what will be called "Open Studies."

The "unclassified" category was created about 10 years ago to accommodate students who wanted to take a few courses for credit without enrolling in a degree or certificate program. Unclassified studies proved to be a popular option for those wanting to pick up specific courses for personal or professional reasons.

The new Open Studies name reflects changes that have been made in the program to help make it even more



popular and accessible. The payment process has been simplified and Open Studies students will now be able to take up to two courses per term (up from one) to a maximum of 10 one-term courses in total.

Admissions for Open Studies commence in February for Intercession (May) 1997. For more information, call the Office of the Registrar and Student Awards at 492-3113 or e-mail the Office at registrar@ualberta.ca. 🐾



LANDMARKS

■ External funding for research at the U of A reached \$101.7 million in 1995-96, putting the University in the elite company of the five top-funded universities for research in Canada.

■ Pandas volleyball coach **Laurie Eisler** recently received a 1996 3M Coaching Canada Award, one of the top coaching awards in the country.

■ Petroleum engineering professor **Syed Farouq Ali** received the 1996 Lester C. Uren Award from the Society of Petroleum Engineers, awarded for distinguished achievement in petroleum engineering technology by a member before age 45.

■ **Anne Naith**, '76 BSc, '85 MSc, '88 PhD, a professor in the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics, won the Noranda Land Reclamation Award from the Canadian Land Reclamation Association for outstanding achievement in the field.



■ Mathematics professor **Bryant Moodie** received the 1996 Arthur Beaumont Award from the Canadian Applied Mathematics Society for outstanding career contributions.

■ Associate vice-president (learning systems) **Ernie Ingles** has been named Information Innovator of the Year by the Canadian Information Productivity Awards.

■ Agricultural, food, and nutritional science professor **Jeremy Leonard**, '86 PhD, is the new president of the Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineering.

■ Engineering professor **David Sego**, '72 BSc(Eng), '80 PhD, and **Elisabeth Hevon**, '91 PhD, were co-recipients of the 1996 Roger J.E. Brown Award from the Canadian Geotechnical Society for outstanding contributions to permafrost science and engineering.

■ **Pavel Jelen**, a professor of agricultural, food and nutritional science, recently won the International Dairy Foods Association Research Award.

■ U of A vice-president (research and external affairs) **Martha Piper** will leave the University to become the president of the University of British Columbia, effective 1 July 1997.

■ The campus community recently noted with sorrow the passing of **Helen Penhale**, a former director of the U of A School of Nursing; **George Elliott**, a longtime professor and former chair of political economy at the U of A; and **Tevie Miller** '49 BA, '50 LLB, '91 LLD (Honorary), former U of A chancellor.

■ **Tom Pocklington** of the Department of Political Science is president-elect of the Canadian Political Science Association.

■ U of A Hospitals researcher **Randall Yatscoff** was recently awarded the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists' 1996 Research Excellence Award for his work in therapeutic drug monitoring of immunosuppressive drugs.

■ Two new Industrial Research Chairs in Engineering were recently established at the University of Alberta through funding from NOVA Corp. and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council – a senior chair in advanced pipeline materials and a junior chair in pipeline welding and corrosion.

Ian Grant



ASTECH award-winners (l to r) **Dovichi**, **Strausz**, **Moody**, **Armour**, and **Piper**

U of A faculty and staff won nearly half of the 1996 awards from the Alberta Science and Technology Leadership Awards Foundation. The winners included mathematics professor **Robert Moody** (Outstanding Leadership in Alberta Science Award); chemistry professor **Norm Dovichi** (Outstanding Leadership in Alberta Technology Award); vice-president (research & external affairs) **Martha Piper** (Outstanding Contribution to the Alberta Science and Technology Community Award); professor emeritus of chemistry **Otto Strausz**, '62 PhD (Innovations in Oil Sands Research Prize); and chemist **Margaret Ann Armour**, '70 PhD, representing the University's WISEST program (Excellence in Science and Technology Public Awareness Prize).

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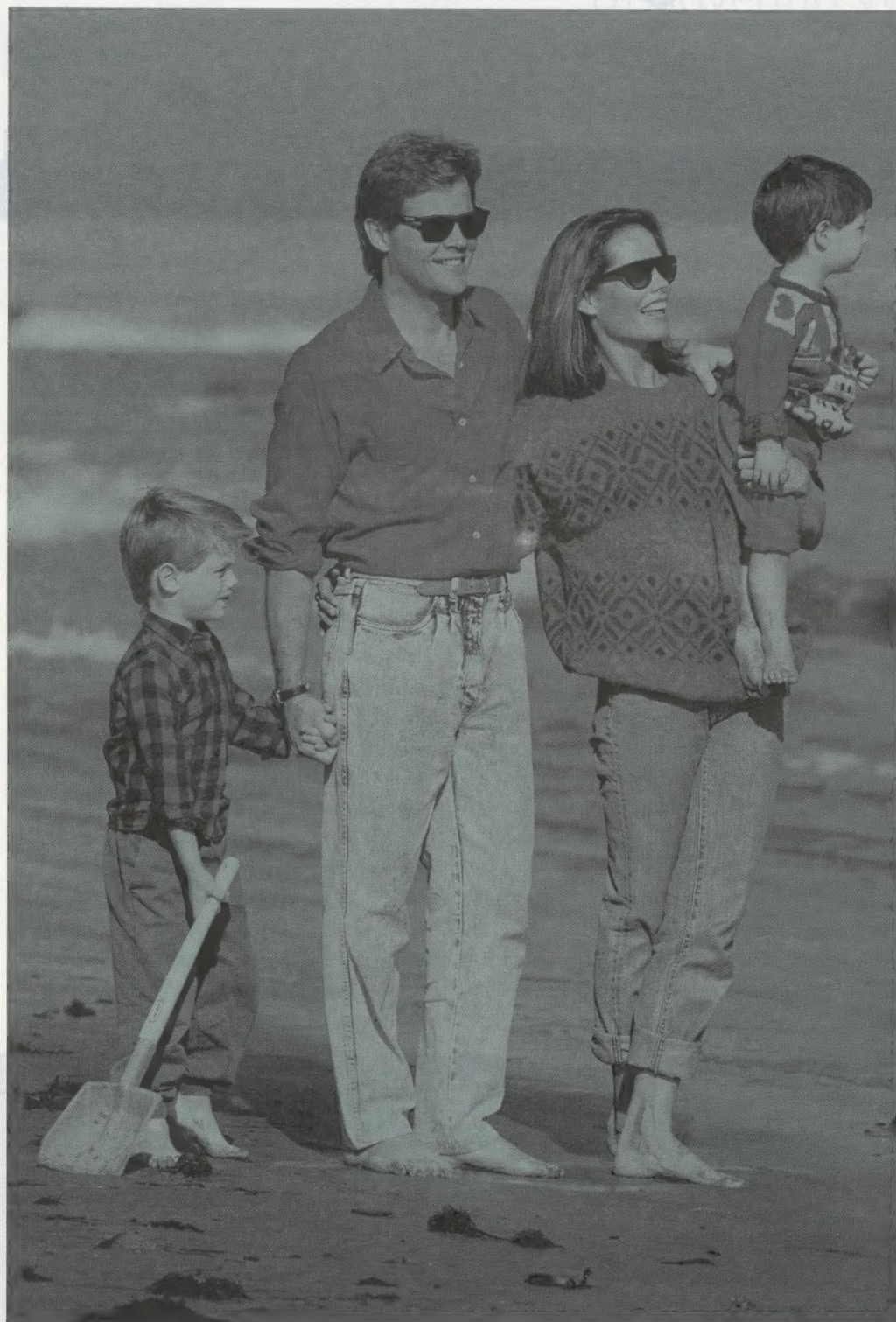
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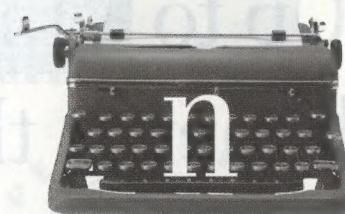


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The above words appear in Virginia Woolf's 1928 fictional biography *Orlando*, shortly before the eponymous main character – an Elizabethan gentleman and author – suddenly changes sex. He then goes on to live some 200 years as a woman.

With her gender-bending, time-twisting antics, Woolf was making a clever contemporary allusion to the eruption of women into the male-dominated world of literature. At the University of Alberta, the Orlando Project is living up to its namesake by illuminating the dark, mysterious and undocumented case of some missing persons: women writers forgotten or lost by literature and history.

Woolf's character Orlando illuminates the circumstances in British society that influenced women writers over the ages – just what the collaborative, multidisciplinary Orlando Project hopes to do over its five-year duration. "The understanding of women's writing shared by everyone on this project is that you can't understand writing without understanding the context in which it was created," says **Patricia Clements**, '64 BA, project director and dean of the Faculty of Arts.

The Orlando Project: An Integrated History of Women's Writing in the British Isles, will cover a massive range – from early to modern, minor to significant

writers. Project co-investigator Isobel Grundy says, "Often we know very little about women writers outside of their work that has survived. But if you put a whole lot of them together it gives a complete picture of what their lives and times were like."

Departing from the usual solitary method of humanities research, more than 20 team members and numerous advisors and adjuncts around the world are helping to fit British women's writing into the historical context of the social, legal, medical, political, economic, and artistic conditions of the day. "I almost feel sometimes that we're closer to a big science project," says co-investigator **Susan Brown**, '91 PhD, a University of Guelph professor who directs three Orlando researchers there.

Now in its second year, the groundbreaking literary history project is also making discoveries on a number of other fronts. It is a pioneering humanities com-

puting project that will produce not only traditional scholarly volumes but also modern, electronic research tools – such as CD-ROMs or an Internet product – using technology that will have far-reaching applications in many disciplines. And its collaborative approach is providing successful new models for research and graduate education in the humanities.

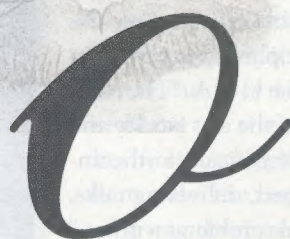
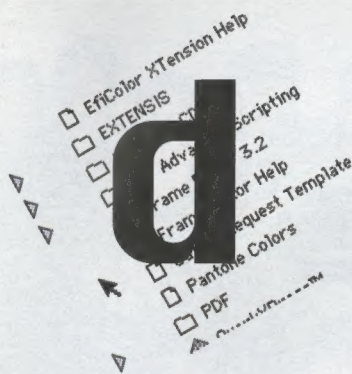
"This is an experimental environment like no other research environment I've ever been in," says Clements. The daring academic project won the full endorsement of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. A 1994 assessment stated, "Every indication suggests that this project will not only stimulate literary-historical research of the highest standard ... it will also significantly contribute to establishing Canadian leadership in new technologies of knowledge dissemination." A \$1.5 million SSHRC grant – the first of the prestigious major Collaborative Research



Vita Sackville-West

(L to R) Anne, Emily and Charlotte Brontë

Ephelia



Discovering Women's Writing

by Charlene Rooke

Yet it is dark, mysterious,

and undocumented; so that there is no explaining it. — Virginia Woolf

Initiative grants made to U of A researchers – provides the major funding for the project, which also enjoys strong support from the Department of English, the Offices of the Vice-President (Academic) and Vice-President (Research and External Affairs) and the U of A Libraries.

The genesis of the Orlando Project was in *The Feminist Companion to Literature in English*, a 1990 book which was authored and edited by Clements, Grundy, and Virginia Blain and involved a number of the current Orlando team members in its research. Considerations of length prevented the authors from including in that volume much of the biographical data and information collected on the cultural milieu of women's writing. "What we found we had was the beginning – notes and research – of a history, really just crying out for an examination of women's culture," recalls Clements.

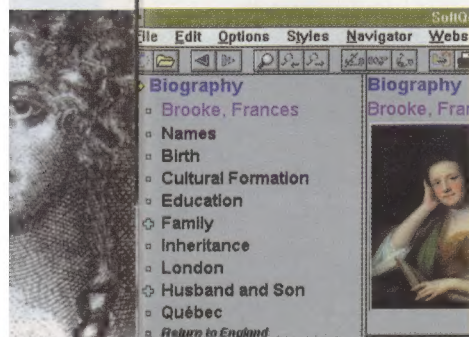
Grundy and Clements, friends and colleagues since their days as graduate students together at Oxford, approached 19th-century specialist Susan Brown to write the volume of literary history they imagined coming between their own works on the early and contemporary periods. It was Brown who first recognized the importance of making it a multimedia project. "I knew from people working in other humanities disciplines the extent to which databases, CD-ROMs, and other electronic media were becoming important research tools," says Brown, who persuaded her colleagues that electronic media offered greater scope and storage capacity for the kind of detailed research they planned to include.

Each will write one of a total of four volumes on periods of literary history. They will also contribute to a fifth printed volume, a sophisticated chronology of women's writing in the British Isles. The electronic version of the project, built on

the framework of women writers' biographies, will be produced collectively.

Working in the early period of literary history (medieval times to 1830) that is relatively sparsely populated by women writers, Grundy playfully remarks that "the closer to present-day a writer is, the more difficult it will be for her to get in." While it can't include every British woman ever published, the Orlando Project will strive to include both renowned and lesser-known writers of literary and historical significance.

"A lot of the unknown women writers were incredibly important figures in their day. They were very well known and very widely read," says **Jeanne Wood**, '84 BA, '86 MA, a post-doctoral fellow who is doing literary history research on the Orlando Project. However, many of those women writers are missing persons in the canon of what has been widely accepted and studied as "good" writing. "One of the things I'm always asking myself when I look at early women's writing is whether it's any good," says Grundy. Much of it is good – very good – concludes Grundy, but she feels that even lesser writers have a place in the attempt to trace the development of women's writing. "To lose one would be a terrible loss, even if you're not pretending they're the greatest thing around."



Elizabeth Gaskell



Elizabeth Inchbald

Kaplan laureate Isobel Grundy

It was in 1963 that English professor Isobel Grundy first became acquainted with Lady Mary Wortley Montagu.

Grundy, who had just graduated from Oxford, landed a glamorous-sounding research assistant position in New York and found herself at Columbia University. There she was introduced to Montagu, an aristocrat who had travelled extensively, been involved in high-profile scandals, and was extremely progressive for her time – especially considering that her time was the 18th century. **Montagu was a prolific writer of poetry, fiction, drama and non-fiction** who had been dead for some 200 years before Grundy picked up her trail.

As Grundy worked on Montagu's *Complete Letters* the writer's fascinating life formed a lasting impression. She returned to Oxford fully intending to complete her doctorate on some other topic – "This was the '60s, and I had a real anxiety about being ghettoized for studying women's writing," Grundy explains. However, Montagu had captured Grundy's imagination and she ended up writing her doctoral thesis on the author's poems. Now that Grundy has become an internationally respected scholar in the fields of 18th-century and women's literature, it is to Montagu that she has returned.

Since coming to the U of A in 1990 as the Tory Professor in the Department of English, Grundy has been plugging away at an updated scholarly biography of Montagu – the last one was published in 1956. "One thing I've found very comforting in talking to other biographers is that they're fairly relaxed about time," she sighs. "The project is as long as it takes." The winner of a prestigious J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research from the U of A earlier this year, Grundy spent the summer of '96 doing research in England. She reports that "there haven't been any 100 per cent major new discoveries, but there have been a number of smaller ones."

However, the biography will be just as ►



In constructing its history the Orlando team is able to draw on the wealth of cross-disciplinary expertise in women's studies at the U of A. "The community, the whole of the arts faculty and beyond ... has been terrifically forthcoming in giving us papers, delivering talks, and coming to discuss problems with us," says Clements, who believes it is vitally important to bring

Technology is the Orlando Project's lifeline.

an interdisciplinary historical perspective to the project. U of A history professor Patricia Prestwich has been an important early contributor, and other historians and scholars, including some on the advisory panel, will assume evolving roles over the Orlando Project's life.

"One of the things you learn is that there will be a certain fluidity of the team," says Clements. "I don't think it's a problem – it's evidence of growth. The project defines itself."

Ironically, the first time the project was proposed to SSHRC it was turned down. With the help of some of the brightest minds in humanities computing – including project co-investigators Susan Hockey, director of the Center for Electronic Texts in the Humanities sponsored by Princeton and Rutgers Universities, and **Terry Butler**, '74 BA, '79 MA, the CALL/Humanities Computing coordinator in the Faculty of Arts – it was reshaped as a sophisticated multimedia project. The electronic form will differ from, but complement and enhance, the written volumes.

"What would normally happen with a project like this in hard-copy form is that you would write it and send it off to a librarian to have an index created on top of the data," explains **Sue Fisher**, '94 MLIS, the project librarian. "What we're doing is building that information into the electronic data. It's inextricably embedded in the text."

Photos by Sima Khorrami



E-mail, conference calls, and cyberspace link the

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The computer language used is SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language), a universal standard that can easily be adapted to new or emerging technologies. (HTML, the hypertext mark-up language used on the World Wide Web, is one of SGML's variations.) "What we're doing that's new is using it for marking content instead of structure," says Butler. He explains that SGML tags are used to identify key words and concepts in the material, creating hypertext links that will allow readers to jump to related topics or do sophisticated searches with the click of a computer mouse – taking paths that even the project's developers cannot anticipate but must allow for in its design.

For instance, a user might jump from the biography of an early 20th-century author writing in the context of World War I to a timeline of specific events in that conflict. Or, the user might pursue links to other general references and literary works dealing with war and conflict.

"The kind of display and text-searching system we'll develop will have tremendous benefits for researchers in other areas," says Butler, who believes that the success of the Orlando project will encourage more collaborative computing projects across the humanities.



(l. to R) Christina and Frances Rossetti

Katherine M



perspace link the
Orlando Project researchers.

The electronic product that will be one result of the Orlando Project promises to be a researcher's dream come true, an invaluable time- and labor-saving tool. Not that it promises to altogether eliminate the need for the often laborious, archival research of volumes, microfilms, and microfiche. However, by compiling and linking a wealth of research material it may help avoid needless duplication of effort by scholars and may make the process of accessing information more intuitive and user-friendly.

The Orlando team, from the key investigators down, has enthusiastically embraced the computing. "In fact, it's in the electronic project that the thing becomes totally collaborative," says Clements, who emphasizes that the electronic component will largely be created by the graduate students. "We are all, in a very important sense, equal in front of the problem."

The development of the computing and the research are going forward hand-in-hand – in fact, team members say the requirements of the computing are in some ways shaping their research and writing. "We're keeping a very close and

critical eye on what that means," says Clements, who wishes the project had a resident sociologist to document the accommodation of the two cultures.

Many of the team members say they're still struggling with what one of them calls "the baggage of print media" – the way they've been trained to structure narratives and arguments in a linear, logical fashion. Says project co-investigator Jo-Ann Wallace, "It raises interesting questions about the form in which information is encoded ... in electronic media, readers tend to jump around more, and in that sense construct their own narratives. The authors have to give up a certain power over the whole when you depart from print media." Someone keenly interested in the implications of this is project research assistant Andrew Mactavish, who is completing a PhD on the impact of adopting hypertext as a means of production in the humanities.

In more ways than one, technology is the Orlando Project's lifeline; conference calls, on-line searches, and e-mail extend its reach and scope. The electronic tools make the job easier, but periodically the group has a true meeting of minds, as it did on a November weekend in Edmonton. "We do work very productively with these tools, but you can only make some decisions and do certain kinds of things when you're all together in person," says Brown.

A community has sprung up on the north side of the fourth floor of the Humanities Centre on campus, where offices of most of the investigators, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate research assistants are clus-

valuable for highlighting what Grundy can't discover. "Feminist scholars are acutely aware of the areas of ignorance, the amount of knowledge that is lost to us," she says. For example, on two separate occasions Montagu's diary – no doubt full of the scandals and intrigues of the day – was burned, the early part by her sister, the later years by her daughter. Grundy says ruefully, "With the Orlando project we're facing that kind of situation on a much wider scale."

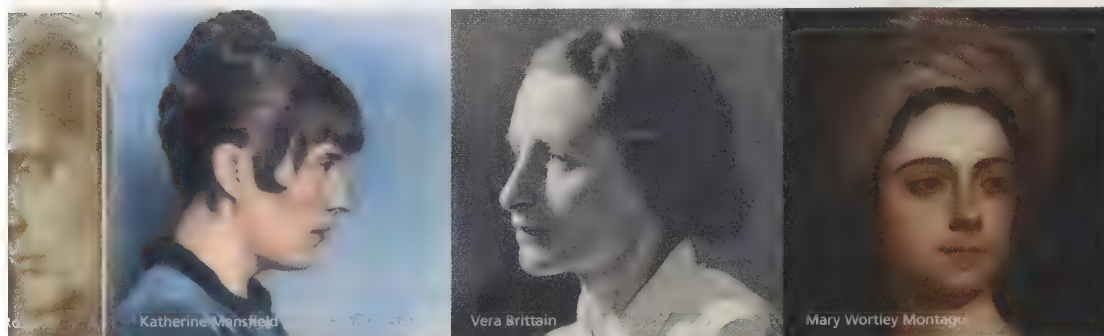
As recently as 15 years ago neither Grundy, nor anyone else in her field, was acquainted with the many of the early women writers who have since been rediscovered through the traces of their lives and work that history has left behind. "It's funny how many individuals I've taken in an interest in studying who might have disappeared from view forever if not for one chance discovery," she muses. The process of discovery is clearly one that Isobel Grundy relishes. ■

tered. Portraits of women writers decorate doors; heads pop in and out of offices for frequent consultations.

"You think better when you think collectively," says Kath Binhammer, the post-doctoral fellow recruited from York University to oversee the work of the graduate students on the Orlando Project. Binhammer faces the challenge of ensuring that the work, while created collectively, still maintains a consistent format and presentation. She says, "We don't want people to think alike. That's what's wonderful about a collective ... you don't have one mind but ten minds."

Binhammer adds she's seen a spirit of camaraderie and intellectual exchange develop among the graduate students over the past year. Margaret McCutcheon, a master's degree candidate, agrees. "It's a real collaborative atmosphere ... graduate studies can be a competitive environment but we've built up a network of students. We tend to consult each other on all kinds of issues, even things outside the project."

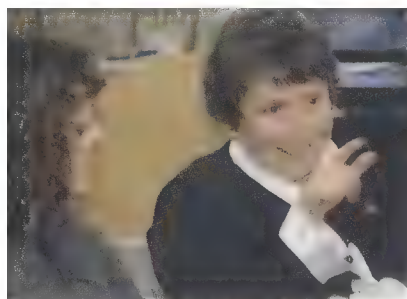
Entrusted with key tasks such as tagging the electronic data, the graduate



Katherine Mansfield

Vera Brittain

Mary Wortley Montagu



Pat Clements (right) and Susan Brown.

"...everybody is learning from everyone on this project."

—Pat Clements

research assistants have been given extraordinary responsibilities and by all accounts have flourished in the collaborative habitat. "We all understand that the project is too big for one person to control. We have to trust each other to take responsibility for the part of the whole where our expertise lies," says Susan Brown.

Says dean of Arts Clements, "There's no doubt [the Orlando Project] will have an impact on the way we do graduate studies. It has really revealed to us how we can do some things differently. The graduate students are learning but they're also teaching us ... everybody is learning

from everyone on this project."

English chair Patricia Demers says the project has enriched the graduate student community in her Department. "They've rethought the way they're doing their own work and the research methodologies they're using," she says. "The research skills they're developing are going to make them hot properties on the job market. They will be interdisciplinarians, to begin with, and there is a wide field into which their expertise will apply ... they're learning some terribly practical things."

After the five-year project ends in the year 2000, the Orlando Project will have investigated many "missing persons" — women writers whose lives and work will be rediscovered by the massive literary history. "There are literally hundreds upon hundreds of fascinating stories to be told about women's experiences," says Clements. "I think that's the kind of thing that is of general interest in our culture."

The investigators hope that by making their work accessible through an electronic medium such as the Internet they will be able to raise awareness, use and enjoyment of women's writing. "The goal of any historian is to bring the past alive. That sense of freshness is very much what we're aiming for, and hopefully the electronic medium will help us bring it out," says Brown. At a later stage, an important part of the project will be to develop both print and interactive teaching materials.

Although women writers may currently be lost to literary history, they have not all gone missing without a trace. Through the Orlando Project some will be rediscovered and their voices heard. "There was a lot of energy expended by the culture to suggest that women should not be writing and that women's writing was not important," says Isobel Grundy, "but the fact remains that women have been writing from the time of Chaucer on. And their writing is worth listening to and deserves listening to." 

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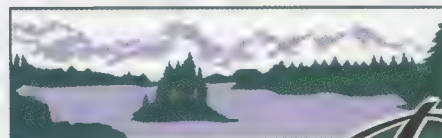
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Sima Khorrami



He has performed around the world, sharing the stage with celebrated musicians and symphony orchestras, but for the past year classical accordionist Nellí Antonio Peruch has mostly stayed close to home in Edmonton. It's not that Peruch's enthusiasm for music or – perish the thought – the accordion has waned. He is building a repertoire on the astounding new instrument he has perfected.

See story on page 22 ►

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



For many years the University of Alberta was the *only* university in Alberta. It was almost taken for granted that any student wishing to

pursue a university education would attend the U of A.

Students can be much more discerning today and the best students often have many choices in post-secondary education open to them. The U of A, like other top Canadian universities, has realized the importance of a recruiting operation that will allow it to go after the best students, no matter where in the country they live. Every year we lose outstanding students from central and northern Alberta to universities on the west coast and in the east – students who, in the past, have not even been approached by the U of A. We need to change that.

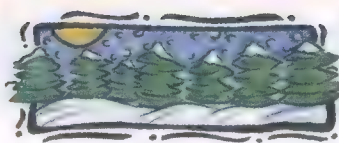
The Alumni Association supports the University's efforts to become much more pro-active in attracting the most promising students. For instance, a priority of the upcoming Campaign will be to establish substantial funds for scholarships and bursaries that will make us more competitive with other major universities in Canada.

Alumni can play a vital role in ensuring that the brightest students choose the U of A. We are currently working with the University administration, particularly the registrar's office, in involving alumni in recruiting promising students. We must reach out to these young people, make them aware of the unlimited horizons at the U of A, and make them feel welcome and excited to attend here. Hearing good things about the University from its alumni will help convince young people that a U of A education is the best education they can get – one that will have a direct impact on their employment opportunities.

I hope many of you will become involved in student recruitment by bringing outstanding students from your community to alumni receptions we're hosting throughout Alberta – a concept we soon hope to expand through our branch network around the world.

The reason for this activity is readily apparent. It's a highly competitive world out there, and if we want to build our University's reputation, we have got to take the competition head on.

Maury Van Vliet
Alumni Association President



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A Family Tradition

The University of Alberta alumni family includes more than 120,000 graduates – how many of them belong to your family?

The Alumni Association is planning a celebration of University of Alberta alumni families for 1997 and needs your help in identifying clans that include several U of A graduates.

For submitting information about U of A alumni families, you can win prizes and the opportunity for the family to be featured in an upcoming issue of *New Trail*. Prizes for submitting the largest alumni family will include University-crested merchandise such as watches, pens, and shirts.

Please send the names, degrees, graduation years, and relationships of the alumni family members to the Alumni



Registrar Brian Silzer with two alumni in Singapore in September.

Association no later than 31 January 1997. Future alumni – current students at the U of A – may be included. Entries may be sent to:

Alumni Family Contest
c/o Office of Alumni Affairs
450 Athabasca Hall
University of Alberta
Edmonton AB T6G 2E8

U of A Makes Waves in Asia

Alumni around the world are willing and prepared to promote the University of Alberta and help attract the most outstanding students to their alma mater, as a recent trip by senior administrators to Asia revealed.

U of A registrar Brian Silzer and Alumni Affairs director Susan Peirce visited Hong Kong, Singapore, and Korea this past autumn to connect with alumni and promote the U of A to students, governments, and businesses.

"Students see our university as a high quality, safe and attractive environment in which to conduct their studies," says Silzer, who fielded a great deal of interest in the U of A at the Canadian Education Fair in Hong Kong.

Peirce and Silzer were met by enthusiastic alumni in Singapore, where a new branch with more than 70 members was formed. The Singapore alumni are eager to bolster

Association Calendar

Branches

Calgary

5 February 1997, 5:30-7 p.m.

Alumni Reception in conjunction with U of A Information Fair, to be held from 4-9 p.m. at the Hospitality Inn
Speakers: President Rod Fraser, Chancellor Lou Hyndman
Cost: \$10 for alumni, no charge for students
Alumni are invited to bring students who are considering attending the U of A.
Call Keith Sveinson at 289-2471

23 March 1997, 11 a.m.

Pancake Brunch & 4th Annual Pan-Alumni Skating Party
Olympic Oval
Call Loren Lailey at 220-7108

4 June 1997, 5 p.m.

2nd Annual Alumni Event at Spruce Meadows
Reception, buffet, and tickets for the National Show Jumping Championships.
Call Keith Sveinson at 289-2471

Grande Prairie

14 March 1997

Annual Dinner
Call Dorothy Eiserman at 539-2752 or 864-2566

Red Deer

6 February 1997, 5:30-7 p.m.

Reception in conjunction with the U of A Information Fair, to

be held from 4-9 p.m. at the Red Deer Lodge

Speakers: President Rod Fraser, Chancellor Lou Hyndman, Alumni Association President Maury Van Vliet
Cost: \$10 for alumni, no charge for students
Alumni are invited to bring students who are considering attending the U of A.
Call Sandy or Dorothy Murray at 342-5400

Vancouver

Early February 1997

Informational Seminar on Financial Planning
Call Patrick Hahn at 535-8103

6 April 1997

Annual Meeting
Royal Yacht Club
Watch your mail or call Shirley Norosky Hurl at 732-6212

alumni networking, fundraising, and student recruitment activities in the area.

In Hong Kong, the new alumni advisory board hopes to hold a local U of A convocation for students from the region and compile a directory of Hong Kong-based alumni.

In Korea, where the government encourages foreign study opportunities for university students, Peirce and Silzer met with alumni and friends about opportunities for partnership with the U of A.

While in Asia, Silzer and Peirce also met with government representatives, officials at schools and universities, and business people at a corporate training forum.

The Alumni Association has 40 branches – 24 of them outside of Canada – which form a vital network of support for the University, says Peirce.

"Our alumni are one of our most valuable resources for helping us identify and attract outstanding students," she says. "They're well respected in their communities, and that speaks well for the education offered at the University of Alberta."

Home Improvement

Alumni House, the meeting and event venue on campus that is home to many Alumni Association activities, will soon be even more hospitable to alumni, campus groups and friends of the University.

Renovations to the 35-year-old house began in November to give the facility more meeting space, improved access to the popular back yard patio area, and a contemporary facelift.

A task force headed by Alumni Council member Peter Graham has led the Alumni House revitalization initiative, securing more than \$175,000 in funding from Alumni Association partners such as Alexander Consulting, Monnex Insurance Brokers, and Seaboard Life Insurance as well as gifts from some of the Alumni Association's branches,

past presidents of the Association, and others. The Alumni House revitalization has been recognized as a project of the University of Alberta Campaign, and all support provided for the Alumni House project counts as Campaign donations.

The renovated house will have four meeting rooms in total, the largest accommodating groups of up to 30.

A complement of smaller rooms will make Alumni House an ideal location for both large conferences and smaller groups.

The house will also be available for bookings for social events such as wedding or parties, with special rates available to University of Alberta alumni.

For more information on facilities or bookings at Alumni House, call manager Nedeljka Radjenovich at 492-2439.

A grand reopening celebration will launch the new look of Alumni House in February.



CLASS REUNIONS '97

The Alumni Association will assist classes in organizing special events during the homecoming activities of Reunion Weekend '97 or at other times. **RW '97 will be held October 2 to 5.**

Year & Class/Date & Place/Contact
 '27 All Faculties/RW'97/Alumni Office
 '37 All Faculties/RW'97/Alumni Office
 '37 Medicine/Sept 11-13, Edmonton/TBA
 '47 Medicine/Sept 11-13, Edmonton/TBA
 '47 Pharmacy/RW'97/Alumni Office
 '57 Law/RW'97/Harry Johnson
 '57 Medicine/Sept 11-13, Edmonton/D.W. Irving, L. Dushenski
 '67 Dentistry/RW'97/Ross Langmaid
 '67 Home Ec/RW'97/Marilyn Berg
 '71 Rehab Med/RW'97/Patricia Gilchrist
 '72 Nursing/May 30-June 1, Kananaskis/Maureen Gustafson
 '72 Pharmacy/RW'97/Debbie Holmes
 '72 Rehab Med/RW'97/Mary Lacerte
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FUTURE REUNIONS

Year & Class/Date & Place/Contact
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26 April 1997

Annual General Meeting
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New York

6 February 1997

6th Annual Alumni Skating Party
 Wollman Rink, Central Park
 Call Marilyn Parker at 586-1070

Dallas

11 March 1997

Alumni Reception
 Speaker: President Rod Fraser
 Watch your mail for details

Houston

12 March 1997

Alumni Reception
 Speaker: President Rod Fraser
 Watch your mail for details

Washington, D.C.

18 April 1997

21st Annual All-Canadian Universities Alumni Event
 Speaker: President Rod Fraser
 Watch your mail for details or call Shirley Hopkinson at (202) 832-8676 or Jennifer Rutherford at (301) 365-9358

Other

Business Alumni Association

5 February 1997, 5:15 p.m.

Annual Reception
 Centre Club, Edmonton
 Cost: \$10/person
 Call Susan Robertson at 492-2348

Alumni House Events

8 February 1997

Pre-Game Reception and Golden Bears Hockey Game (vs. U of Lethbridge) and Pandas Volleyball game (vs. UBC)

15 February 1997

Pre-game Reception
 Golden Bears and Pandas Basketball games (vs. UBC)

10 April 1997

Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics event

For more information on these and other special events, please call Gina Wheatcroft, manager alumni special events, in the Office of Alumni Affairs at 492-3224 or toll-free at 1-800-661-2593.

SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS



Denis Leduc, '71 MD, organized the medical class of 1971 reunion this past autumn in Banff. Largely due to his excellent planning, a record number of grads – 43 in total – joined in the festivities. The group participated in the Medical Alumni Association's annual awards dinner and organized other events to coincide with the Alberta Medical Association Convention, also held in Banff at the time.

Denis has served as assistant professor of pediatrics and family medicine at McGill U for the past 15 years. He is an associate pediatrician at the Montreal Children's Hospital and Royal Victoria Hospital. He has been involved in community pediatrics research since 1975, and serves as a pediatrics examiner for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the College des Medecins du Quebec.

In his spare time Denis is an avid runner. "I continue to run marathons to convince myself that I'm not getting older, but my body is telling me otherwise," says Denis.



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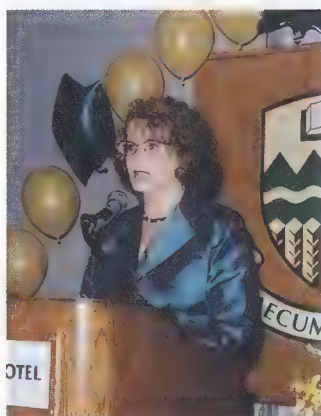
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ALUMNI SCRAPBOOK



▲ The Honorable Catherine A. Fraser, Chief Justice of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, accepted a 1996 Distinguished Alumni Award at Reunion Weekend '96. In her moving acceptance speech, Fraser said:

"I have never lost the idealism which I found on campus. To me, what makes this University so great is that it has always fostered the world of ideas and challenged us all to think about the most important values in life. I left the U of A with friendships that have lasted a lifetime. I also left with a precious gift – an enduring love of law and justice and the belief that equality is one of the core values in our society. I have taken those ideas with me and they have provided a standard against which I have measured everything in my life ever since."



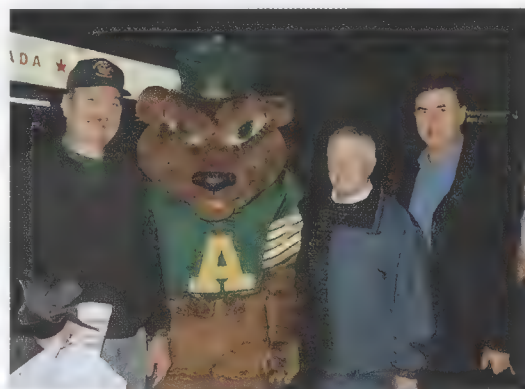
▲ A New York branch event in October included (l to r) branch president Marilyn Parker, '61 BSc(HEC), '66 BEd, branch past-president Reg Moncrieff, '70 BA, and U of A executive director of external affairs Terry Flannigan.



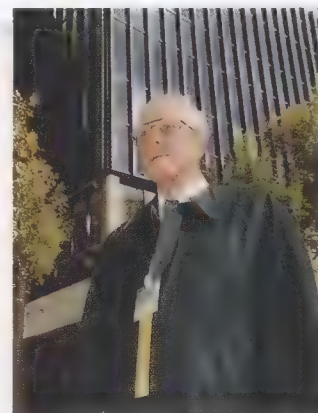
◀ A U of A alumni gathering held at Stanford U this past October attracted, among others, California alumni (l to r) Kent Richardson, '89 BSc(Eng), '93 LLB, Judy Fisher and Michael Fisher, '70 BSc, and Fred Schindler, '84 BSc(Eng), '86 MSc.



▲ Discovery Channel host Jay Ingram, '67 BSc, spoke on behalf of all the 1996 inductees at the Alumni Wall of Recognition induction ceremony that was the kick-off to Reunion Weekend 1996. His supporters are Faculty of Science dean Dick Peter (left) and associate dean (research) Bill Graham.



▲ On 25 November 1967 the Golden Bears defeated McMaster Marauders 10-9 to win the College Bowl. It was the first true national championship game for Canadian university football. In recognition of that fact Vanier Cup organizers invited participants in that game to take part in the ceremonies for the championship game at Skydome on 30 November 1996. On hand at the Edmonton airport to see the U of A delegation off was GUBA, shown here with Mel Smith, '74 BSc, (right), Ron Finch, '68 BSc and Clare Drake (centre), who also that year coached his hockey team to a national title.



▲ Engineering grad Robert Price, '46 BSc(Eng), reminisced in front of the Chemical-Mineral Engineering building during Reunion Weekend '96.

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*Prices (in Canadian funds) may be subject to change and are lowest available based on a per-person double-occupancy rate.

For more information about alumni travel opportunities, please contact Coleen Graham in the Office of Alumni Affairs at 492-3224 or toll-free at 1-800-661-2593.

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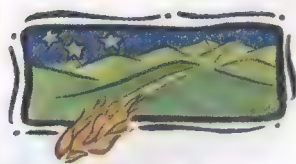
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TRAILBLAZERS

The Man Behind the Flag

George Stanley has stepped onto the pages of Canadian history

By Rick Pilger

If eminence can be measured by the span of letters appended to a person's name, then **George Stanley**, '29 BA, '71 LLD (Honorary), is eminent indeed. George – as he was known to his U of A classmates when he left Edmonton for Oxford as a Rhodes scholar 67 years ago – is now, according to the 1995 *Canadian Who's Who*, "The Honourable George Francis Gilman, C.C. (1995), C.D., K.St.J., B.A., M.A., M.Litt., D.Phil., D.es.L., D.Litt., LL.D., D.C.L., D.U., F.R.S.C., F.R.Hist.S."

It's an impressive string – fully half a hundred letters – but not out of keeping with the *Who's Who* entry that follows, for Stanley is one of Canada's most celebrated historians and has himself stepped onto the pages of Canada's historical record.

From 1982 until 1987 he was New Brunswick's lieutenant governor. Reflected in the slew of abbreviations that follow his name are honors that include investiture as a commander of the Order of Canada and as a Knight of Justice of the Order of St. John. He has received the Canadian Forces Decoration and a full dozen honorary degrees (besides his three earned degrees). Completing his alphabetic full dress are the designations he is accorded as a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and of the Royal Historical Society.

Now only months shy of his 90th birthday, the man behind the letters lives quietly with his wife of 50 years in their home on the outskirts of Sackville, New Brunswick. Seated in his rocking chair with its view of the vista beyond the lake at the foot of his property, he listens to questions put by phone from Edmonton and explains how a prairie boy came to spend so much of his life east of the Great



Lakes heartland. "It's very simple," he says. "When I finished at Oxford I wrote to every University in Canada asking about a job – this was in the middle of the '30s, remember. The only place that had an opening was a small university in New Brunswick."

Stanley secured the position and taught Canadian history at that small university – Mount Allison – until world history in the form of the Second World War intruded. The deputy director of the Department of National Defence's historical section by War's end, he accepted a faculty position at the University of British Columbia in 1947. His return to Western Canada was brief, however. In 1949 he headed east again, this time to Royal Military College in Kingston. There he spent 20 years, seven of them as dean of arts, before returning to Sackville to become director of Mount

Allison's new Canadian Studies program, the first such undertaking in Canada.

Stanley, who was born and raised in Calgary, didn't set out to become a historian. "I really intended to be a lawyer," he recalls. However, at the U of A he

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found his imagination fired not by torts and precedents but by history as it was taught in the classroom of Professor A.L. Burt. With Burt's encouragement Stanley began studying history in earnest, and at Oxford he applied himself to rigorous preparation for a scholastic career.

"Stanley was one of the real pioneers in the study of the his-

tory of Western Canada," says U of A history professor **Rod Macleod**, '62 BA, who got to know Stanley when the latter was general editor for the University of Alberta Press' ambitious publication project that resulted in the release of the multi-volume *Collected Writings of Louis Riel* in 1984.

Stanley has himself written 15 books, including a biography of Riel, but his most famous is his first, *The Birth of Western Canada*, published in 1936. "That was the first scholarly study of the 1885 Rebellion and one of the first scholarly works on western Canadian history," says Macleod, who adds that Stanley, who was personally acquainted with people connected with the 1885 rebellion and heard their stories first-hand, "provides a kind of personal continuity with our history."

When questioned about *The Birth of Western Canada*, Stanley chuckles – it is,

it turns out, something of a last laugh. Written for his doctoral thesis and published in Britain, the book was well received there but it met a cool response in Canada. A few critics panned it, but mostly it was ignored. And, as if to add insult to injury, during the Second World War all the unsold copies of the book were destroyed when a German bomb flattened the London warehouse in which they were stored.

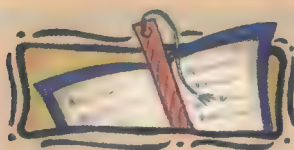
But the book refused to die. In 1950 it was reissued by the University of Toronto Press, and this time it was a huge success. And it has remained popular – it was reissued for the seventh time in 1992.

While *The Birth of Western Canada* is Stanley's most prominent contribution to the study of Canadian history, his most visible contribution to Canada can be seen every time the Canadian flag unfurls in the breeze.

When a parliamentary committee was struck in the early 1960s to design a new flag for Canada, Stanley was asked for his advice. "I told them that it had to be red and white, it had to be distinct – completely identifiable – and it had to be something children could draw," recalls Stanley. He even provided a sketch for a design: a single stylized maple leaf centred in a white background between two red vertical bars.

Following some tortuous parliamentary carryings-on (eventually Lester Pearson's Liberal government had to invoke closure to end debate) a new Canadian flag based on Stanley's design was adopted and first ran up the flagpole on 15 February 1965. Change doesn't always come easily, however, and there was considerable opposition to the new flag when it first flew. Feelings ran high, and Stanley found himself vilified by some for his part in replacing the Union Jack and the Red Ensign. To the criticism, Stanley responded calmly: "I told them 'just give it 30 years,'" he recalls.

Sometimes it helps to have a historian's perspective. 📖



BOOKMARKS

Rebel Daughter

Doris Anderson,
'45 BA, '73 LLD
(Honorary)

In her candid autobiography, the longtime editor of *Chatelaine* magazine and key player in the women's movement in Canada traces her successful career as a journalist and activist. Anderson is an inductee on the Alumni Wall of Recognition at the U of A. (Key Porter)



Influence of the Moon

Mary Borsky, '68 BED



This first collection of short stories by Ottawa author Mary Borsky chronicles the life of a young woman growing up in a fictional northern Alberta town in the '50s.

One of the stories, *Maps of the Known World*, was nominated for the \$10,000 Journey Prize in 1995. (Porcupine's Quill)

More Ghost Stories of Alberta

Barbara Smith, '81 BA



Nearly 75 spooky stories gathered from across the province inhabit this well-researched collection by Edmonton author Barbara Smith, the author of *Ghost Stories of Alberta* and

Deadly Encounters. (Lone Pine)

New Guide to Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drugs

Mark Berner,
'75 MD, '73 BSc(Med)

This easy-to-read home reference book gives current information on 3500 generic and brand name drugs and medications, including dosages, side effects and drug interactions. It also contains information on vitamins and minerals, chemical food additives, and procedures to be followed during drug poisoning emergencies.

(Canadian Medical Association)



Wildflowers of Edmonton and Central Alberta

Richard Dickinson, '85 BSc
and France Royer

More than 100 common Alberta plants are detailed in this full-color pocket guide for beginner and intermediate naturalists. Includes 225 photos and a glossary of terms. (University of Alberta Press)



Cowgirls

Candace Savage, '71 BA

In this colorful, eclectic history of the cowgirl, renowned nature writer Candace



Savage produces a nostalgic, humorous, and fascinating portrait of a pop culture icon. Period illustrations, photography, and archival

material provide bold accompaniment to this lively account. (Greystone Books)

The Nature of Wolves: An Intimate Portrait

Savage also wrote this lush display volume on wolves, part of a nature series of which she is general editor. (Greystone Books)

The Hidden Hazards of Quilting

Cathy Watts, '70 Dip (RehabMed)

Saskatoon physical therapist Cathy Watts, a passionate quilter, researched quilting ergonomics for a year and discovered common injuries to the elbow, wrist and legs. This book shows how to modify your sewing or quilting workspace to avoid straining your body, with helpful diagrams and tips for stretches and exercises. (Physio-Diversity)



Also Noted

How Do You Spell Abducted?

(Red Deer College Press)

Cherylyn Stacey, '67 BA, '68 MA, '71 Dip(Ed)

The Spirits of Edmonton: Your Guide for Insightful Journeys In and Around the City of Edmonton (Orb Communications)

Ron Boehm, '78 BSc

Buckskin the Brave and Ollie's Reward

(Granlea Publishing)

Dorothy Clancy, '63 BED



CLASS NOTES

'27 Frances Coulson (Shillington), BA, turned 91 this past September, and reports she is "still with it (to a point!)" Frances recently received the 19th U of Toronto Award for her work there as a professional librarian. She was a member of the first Library School class at the U of Toronto in 1930 — at that time the only library school in Ontario. Of her days at the U of A, Frances recalls professors such as Drs. Tory, Alexander, Hardy, and Lewis. "Miss Dodd looked after our morals," she recalls.

'29 Helen Newnham (Carswell), BA, writes, "What am I doing now? At age 93, as little as possible!" She reports having enjoyed the alumni magazine since it was still called *The Trail*.

'31 William Kent, BSc(Eng), reports that since retiring from the Northern Construction Co. in 1972, he was involved with the Canadian Executive Service Overseas in the Philippines and has since visited southeast Asia many times. Northern Construction, where William spent most of his working years, is a partner in the fixed link under construction between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. William has visited that project twice, and writes, "I think that every engineer who was ever involved in the design or construction of a bridge should see this project."

'36 Ruth Sellhorn (Sheldon), BSc(Nu), celebrated her 60th anniversary of graduation from the U of A at home in Medicine Hat this year since she was unable to make the trip to Edmonton. "Wishing you a very successful homecoming."

'37 Melvin Donald, BCom, and his wife spend summers at their Muskoka-area cottage in Ontario, winters in Florida, and "in-between, a few weeks

here in Toronto." They have five children and six grandchildren.

Edmond Green, BSc(Ag), writes, "I am busy farming the U.S. \$ while I wait for a cataract operation. It is something called Ted Spread."

'38 Wesley Jackson, BSc(Ag), and his wife are enjoying gardening, golfing, and "gadding about with family and friends in Alberta and B.C." during their retirement. Wesley is involved with the Historical Society in Lacombe, Alberta. A native of Lacombe, Wesley welcomes the new dean of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics at the U of A, **Ian Morrison**, '69 BSc(Ag), '73 MSc, a Lacombe native who lived a few doors down from Wesley's family.

'39 Marjorie Bowker (Montgomery), LLB, '38 BA, '91 LLD (Honorary), an inductee on the Alumni Wall of Recognition at the U of A, was recently honored by the Canadian Judicial Council as one of seven pioneer women judges in Canada.

'40 Agnes Johnson, BA, '41 Dip(Ed), of Vernon, B.C. keeps busy visiting family and friends and working with clubs and volunteer groups. She tours frequently and enjoys yearly trips to Reno, Nevada.

'43 Nance Cuyler, BSc(Nu), '42 Dip(Nu), kindly reports that she enjoys receiving *New Trail*, which "lately seems to be excelling in interesting and informative material."

'45 Alice Duncan (Stewart-Irvine), BSc(HEC), '73 MED, is retired and finds herself "so busy I wonder how I ever had time to teach!" Alice enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, painting, and her riverfront forest location near Duncan, B.C.

'46 Gordon Groves, BSc(Pharm), '49 MSc, retired from a faculty position at the U of Queensland, now runs Unique Laboratories Pty. Ltd., a photobiological consulting company that determines the SPF value of sunscreens.

Neil Ronaghan, BEd, is currently occupied with reading and writing about various aspects of western Canadian history.

'47 Eileen Davis (McCartney), BEd, and **George Davis**, '49 BSc(Eng), are currently living in Sydney, Australia where George is director of the Rehabilitation Research Centre in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the U of

Sydney. The couple recently returned to Edmonton when George spoke to the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine and visited the Rick Hansen Centre on campus and the city's Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital.

'48 Steele Brewerton, MD, '45 BSc, retired this summer after 48 years of medical practice. He recently reported he was planning to go on an 18-month mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to San Diego, California. He and his wife have 5 children and 24 grandchildren.

Barbara Bromley (Strong), BSc(Nu), is now retired and runs a bed and breakfast in Yellowknife, N.W.T. "A wonderful way to meet people from all over the world."

George Fong, BSc, received the Stanley Slipper Gold Medal from the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists in 1995 for his outstanding contribution to petroleum exploration in Canada. George is credited with aiding in the discovery of several Alberta oil fields, including the one at Swan Hills.

Virginia MacKay (Webb), BSc(Eng), is retired in Cochrane, Alberta after a 20-year career as a consultant in technical report writing. She enjoys music,

reading, the mountains, gardening, travel, and reading to and writing stories for children. Virginia also does volunteer work at a local library and elementary school.

Ernest Pallister, BSc, '87 LLD (Honorary), recently received the Alberta Order of Excellence, the province's highest honor. The founding chair of three leading research and development centres and former vice-chair of the Science Council of Canada and the Inuvialuit Board, he is president of Pallister Resource Management Ltd.

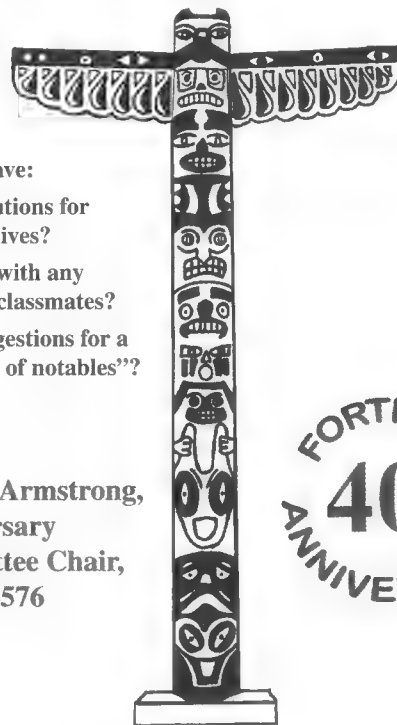
'49 Herbert Allard, BA, has retired from his position as Calgary chief youth court judge after 37 years on the bench. Previously, he served with Calgary's children's aid department and as a prosecutor and counsellor in family court.

Raymond Benjamin, BSc, is now retired after a 35-year career in the oilfield business. He is a drum collector and acts as contributing editor to the magazine *Not So Modern Drummer*. Raymond reports that he recently returned from a three-month, nearly 12,000 km trip covering nine American states and two Canadian provinces.

Freda Geuder (Sautter) Dip(Ed), reports her life "has been interesting — and

Ross Sheppard High School

Saturday October 18th, 1997



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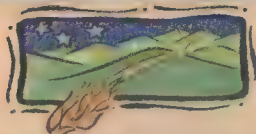
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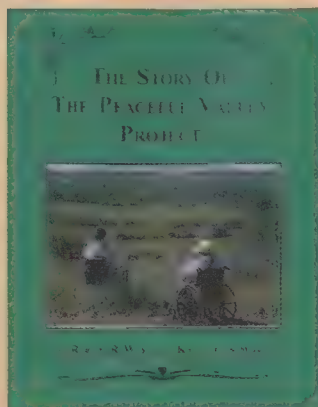
On a sunny summer afternoon in 1980, Bob and Kay Wark went in search of a bathtub for their cottage.

The tub, which they had seen advertised for sale, proved to be a disappointment — “dismal,” Kay recalls — but the trip itself has reverberated through the lives of the brother and sister. On that day, they first saw the valley that is now a touchstone of their lives.

Kay Wark, '39 BCom, for many years the accountant for the Alberta Research Council, is a long-time Edmonton resident. Her brother **Bob Wark**, '44 BA, '46 MA, '86 LLD (Honorary), ended up farther afield. He studied at Harvard, taught there and at Yale, and then moved to California to become the art curator at the Henry Huntington Library and Art Gallery — home of famous master works such as Gainsborough's “The Blue Boy.”

Despite the distances that separate their residences, the brother and sister remain close. Kay now spends most of each winter in California, and Bob spends a month each summer at the cottage their family has had at Pigeon Lake for 50 years. Together they recently wrote a book, *The Story of the Peaceful Valley Project*.

The book tells how, returning bathtub-less, they stumbled across a beautiful meadow overlooking the Battle River; subsequently purchased the land, and then decided to preserve the site as a day-use facility for the institutionalized elderly disabled and the terminally ill. “We were absolutely astounded



at the wildflowers, and there was a spectacular view over the Battle River,” says Kay recalling that first encounter with Peaceful Valley, near where the Battle River begins its journey from its source in Battle Lake.

In August 1991 the Warks entered into an agreement with the Alberta government and the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, transferring ownership of their Peaceful Valley land to the Foundation. Although compact — a bit under five hectares — the property has a varied landscape: woods, artesian streams, a pond, a marsh area, even a little waterfall, and

the centrepiece: the gently rolling wildflower meadow.

To support the project, including the building of a day lodge, the Warks have made additional gifts, including a desirable piece of waterfront property on B.C.'s Salt Spring Island. They have also bequeathed their combined estates to a trust fund to support the operation of the lodge, which opened last year.

The Valley has quickly become popular with groups from a variety of institutions within a day's drive, and Kay is delighted. “It's just working out great,” she says. (And, yes, she and Bob eventually found a bathtub.)

For copies of the Wark's book (copies are \$10) or further information about the Peaceful Valley Project, contact the Alberta Sports Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation in Edmonton. The facility is booked through the Alberta provincial park at Pigeon Lake.

still is.” She taught school for 21 years, was in business with her late husband for 20 years, and has been involved in local politics in Hanna, Alberta. Freda has also travelled extensively and has written travel articles, skits, and a three-act play about the Depression.

Margaret Shinn (Gans), BEd, '48 Dip(Ed), a retired teacher now living in California, recently travelled to Guanajuato, Mexico to teach English for two weeks to university students as part of the Global Volunteers program.

Walter Worth, BEd, '52 MEd, '91 LLD (Honorary), and **Joan Worth (Tronsgard)**, '65 BEd, '56 Dip(Ed), both professors emeriti of education, are embarking on a new retirement adventure by moving from Edmonton to Nanaimo, B.C.

'50 Josephine Pilcher Cormack, BA, '52 Dip(Ed), and **David Cormack**, '52 BSc, are now retired and report they have been active in the St. Peter's Players drama group at their local church for 26 years. Jo was a longtime drama and speech teacher at Mount Royal College, and David had a varied

career in the airfield supply industry and as a teacher of drama and chemistry. “Maybe a strange combination, and in fact students of both felt the exams were very similar.” They have three grown children.

'51 Margaret Maerov (Katz), BA, of Wilmington, Delaware has been the volunteer coordinator at a local nursing home for the last 15 years. “Don't plan to retire any time soon,” she writes. She occasionally sees **Manuel Panar**, '57 BSc, who also lives in the area.

'52 Aleck Hutchinson, MSc, '50 BSc(Ag), began attending the U of A as a Second World War veteran 50 years ago this past autumn. “We were fortunate that the U of A was there, with its capable staff, able to cope with our needs and large numbers.” Aleck has lived in the Niagara fruit belt for the past 38 years and is retired — “for the third time.”

Richard Lyne, BSc(Eng), had a 40-year career as a structural design engineer, during which time he designed about 10 buildings and 100 bridges. “No one can travel more than 100 km from

Edmonton on any major highway without crossing one of my bridges,” Richard writes.

David Ritchie, BSc(Pharm), is in his eighth year of retirement after 28 years as a drug inspector and five years as a hospital pharmacist.

Peter Yurkiw, MSc, received honorary life membership in APENS for service to that association and to the engineering profession. Peter moved to Halifax in 1967 and until his retirement in 1984 worked for Maritime Testing Limited. He is a former president of the Rotary Club of Halifax.

'53 Vern Austman, BSc(Eng), reports that he is retired from Ontario Hydro and is busy with home maintenance and some work in Europe.

Delbert Thompson, BSc(Pharm), has been retired since 1988 from his position as director of the Department of Pharmacy at the Calgary General Hospital. He is enjoying travel, bridge, and volunteering.

'54 Shirley Thomas (Bonnell), BSc(Nu), '53 Dip(Nu), retired in 1996 after a 23-year career in the intensive

care unit of MSA Hospital in Abbotsford, B.C. She will continue nursing as casual staff in the intensive care unit of Ridge Meadows Hospital in Maple Ridge, B.C. “Retirement is very busy as I also paint, do reflexology, and massage.”

'55 Arthur Jorgesen, BEd, '61 BA, recently received the Canadian Teachers' Federation Special Recognition Award.

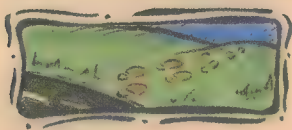
Maria Prokopiw, Dip(Ed), '69 BEd, has recently retired from a 30-year teaching career with the Edmonton Public School Board. “Busy with grandchildren, church, gardening, travelling etc.”

'56 Ross Gould, BSc(Ag), '79 MAG, reports that he retired in 1995 but remains active in his field by monitoring Internet discussion groups on livestock production. He is currently interested in attending professional animal science conferences and translating technical papers into “plain language” for livestock producers and consumers. Ross is planning a 40th anniversary of graduation celebration with classmates **Hugh Puffer**, BSc(Ag), '66 Dip(Ed), **Don Laverty**, BSc(Ag), '61 MSc, and **Alex Letts**, BSc(Ag), '62 BEd, '68 MEd. **Jeanne Martin**, BSc(Nu), enjoyed a 30-year career in nursing and nursing education before retiring in 1994. She was an instructor in nursing programs at the Holy Cross Hospital and Mount Royal College in Calgary, the Ottawa Civic Hospital, Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology in Ottawa, and the CE GEP De L'Outaouais Heritage Campus in Hull, Quebec, and in staff education programs at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and Ottawa's Carleton Lodge. Jeanne and her husband moved to Victoria in 1996 and “love the climate and the people.”

'57 Norman Gish, BA, was recently appointed as chair of the Alliance Pipeline project. He is the managing director of the Calgary-based company Fracmaster Ltd. in Beijing.

'58 Angeline Donais (Condon), BEd, reports that after retiring from their positions at two Calgary school boards she and her husband took a 10-week trekking trip in Nepal. “Enjoying retirement immensely.”

'59 Clara Friedman (Sokolow), Dip(Rehab Med), of Edmonton was chosen as Hadessah Woman of the Year in 1996.



OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Antonio Peruch never really had any choice. Had he been an agent of his own free will, the virtuoso musician would surely have chosen a different instrument with which to journey in the world of classical music – life would be vastly simpler if he played the organ or the oboe. But the choice wasn't his. At an early age, **Nelli Antonio Peruch**, '70 BA, '74 MA, fell under the accordion's spell.

"For as long as I can remember, I remember loving the sound of the accordion," says Peruch, who spent his earliest years in Italy, reading and writing music even before he could put crayon to paper to form the word *mamma*. "My mother tells me that when I was just a little child I would crawl out of bed at 4:30 in the morning to listen to the concerts being broadcast over the radio from Vienna." Peruch would listen enraptured, his joy complete when he heard the sound of the accordion, used often for works by composers such as Rachmaninov. "Every time I heard it, I just loved it," recalls Peruch.

At the age of five, the musician received a small red accordion as a gift. "It was magnificent," he says. "It allowed me to express myself beyond words. I knew then I wanted to play that particular instrument."

Peruch moved to Edmonton with his family in 1959. He was 11, and though his musical pursuits regularly take him around the world, Edmonton has remained his home since then. He is an accomplished linguist who studied romance languages at the U of A and is

fluent in five languages. But music is his mother tongue, and he is determined to give voice to its masterpieces using the accordion.

To do so he has built a better accordion. In collaboration with the Victoria accordion company in Castelfidardo, Italy (a town where just about everybody makes accordions) Peruch has worked diligently to design an accordion capable of taking its place alongside the accepted instruments of classical music. And after many years of experimentation he has developed an instrument he is happy with, an accordion with capabilities he describes – choosing his words carefully – as "mind-boggling... absolutely astounding."

His creation has an astonishing range and volume and a lung capacity Pavarotti would envy. While the traditional accordion "sings" only on the right-hand side, the left merely providing accompaniment, Peruch's instrument gives the left-hand side the potential to play contrapuntally – to sing on its own, as it were – dramatically increasing the range of notes to which the accordionist has access.

"We need to have all those notes to make a serious discourse musically," says Peruch, who is careful to take no more than a share of credit for the design, which evolved from work done all over the world in the past 15 years. "The important thing isn't who invented what," he says, "it's the actual layout of the keyboard that's of crucial importance."



Sima Khorami

As a musician Peruch has shared the stage with popular performers and various symphony orchestras, but for the past year he has put his flourishing musical career on hold to build a repertoire on his new instrument. It's a move that has required courage, but he has no misgivings, for the instrument he is now playing is as magical as the sound that came over the radio those many years ago.

Playing the works of the master composers on it is like reciting Shakespeare in the original language, he says. "It feels like I have always played it – all of a sudden you speak and it's your own native tongue."

Craighton Twa, BSc(Eng), was recently appointed president and CEO of ATCO Ltd. and Canadian Utilities Ltd.

'60 Terry Cox, BA, completed a teaching certificate after graduation and taught high school in Edmonton for a few years before spending five years in Africa with CIDA teaching French and English. He later completed master's and doctoral degrees from the Australian National U and the U of Victoria. Terry has been an associate professor of French language and linguistics at the U of Saskatchewan for the past 8 years.

Ethel Vandenbrink (Wall), BEd, retired in 1994 from a 31-year teaching career, the last 20 of them spent at Red Deer College in its business division.

'61 Gwyneth Gilliland (Witney), MA, '58 BSc(Ag), is currently in private practice in Vancouver as a professional counsellor "while completing an immensely complex doctoral thesis." She and her husband spend time with family in Tucson and in Vancouver. "I have very warm feelings for U of A."

'63 Gerald Gabel, BSc, recently accepted an early retirement package from the B.C. Systems Corporation where he had been vice-president, telecommunications services. He is now a part-time consultant and runs a bed-and-breakfast in Victoria with his wife. Gerald can be reached by e-mail at ggabel@islandnet.com and invites classmates and alumni to visit his Web site at www.islandnet.com/hobbsend.

'65 Annata Brockman, MEd, was a teacher and principal with the Edmonton Catholic School System for 15 years after graduation. During the '80s Sister Annata was a pastoral associate at St. Joseph's Basilica in Edmonton and completed a bachelor's degree in theology. She has since obtained a master's degree from Newman Theological College and is associate (pastoral) at St. Joseph's Basilica.

"These have been delightful years being available to serve God's people!"

John Elson, BEd, '68 BA, and **Pearl Elson (Christensen)**, '67 Dip(Nu), '68 Dip(PHNU), live in Thorsby, Alberta. John

retired in January 1996 after teaching in Alberta for 33 years, the last 27 at Thorsby Junior-Senior High School. Pearl works at the Crossroads Health Unit in Wetaskiwin. Their two daughters are the third generation of Elsons to become U of A graduates: **Kathy Elson**, '94 BA, and **Joan Elson**, '95 BA. The Elmer S. Elson Elementary School located in Mayerthorpe, Alberta is named for their grandfather and John's father, the late **Elmer Elson**, also a U of A grad. **Richard Sandilands**, DDS, is the vice-president of the Canadian Dental Association. He is a former associate clinical professor, clinical instructor and

guest lecturer in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Alberta.

'66 Edward Carruthers, LLB, '61 BA, was recently sworn in as a judge of the youth and family division of the Provincial Court of Alberta in Calgary.

Ernest Siemens, BEd, reports that he has retired after 34 years of teaching and from the work he has done with the Salvation Army for the last eight years.

Sheila Weatherill, Dip(Nu), '89 BSc(Nu), is now president of the Capital Health Authority in Edmonton.

'67 Elizabeth Atmore (Domecki), BA, recently became the chair of the



Harold Eist, '61 MD, recently became the president of the American Psychiatric Association. A practitioner in the Washington, D.C. area, he is the medical director of Montgomery Child and Family Health Services and a faculty member at Howard U and the Washington School of Psychiatry. An outpatient clinic was named the Harold I. Eist, M.D. Clinic in his honor at the D.C. Institute of

Mental Hygiene, where he was medical director from 1967-89. His particular areas of expertise include the care of seriously mental ill patients, health care reform, and economic issues in providing services to the mentally ill.

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board of the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design Foundation in Vancouver.

Joseph Heffernan, BSc, the president and chief executive office of Rothmans Inc. and of Rothmans, Benson and Hedges Inc., was recently appointed to the board of directors of Co-Steel Inc.

Kevin Lynch, BEd, now lives in Lumsden, Saskatchewan. Reverend Lynch reports he is "preaching the good news" at the Franciscans St. Michael's Retreat Centre after retiring last year as director of religious education for Edmonton Catholic Schools. He invites alumni travelling through Saskatchewan to look him up or stop by the Centre.

'68 Marilyn Coull (Duncan), BSc,

'92 BEd, '96 MLIS, and **Ken Coull**, BSc, '82 MBA, live in Edmonton where Ken is chief administrative officer of the Alberta Safety Codes Council and Marilyn is a full-time mother and homemaker.

Mary Gadowsky (Pawlyk), BEd, is now retired from teaching and enjoys travelling, working in her large garden, and reading.

Don Sawatzky, MEd, '69 PhD, a U of A faculty member in the Department of Educational Psychology since 1969, will retire next year and a group of his former students are planning a dinner in his honor. For more details about the event, planned for 8 March 1997, contact **Graeme Clark**, '74 BA, '81 MEd, '93 PhD. Phone (403) 482-0010 or fax (403) 482-6810.

'69 Wayne Bodington, BCom, is the area managing director for Westin Hotels and Resorts, supervising the Westin's hotel, time-share and resort properties in Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, and Coral Gables, Florida; and Grand Cayman, St. Croix and Puerto Rico.

Donald Kachur, BA, was recently appointed president of the board of directors of United Van Lines (Canada) Ltd. He is a former vice-president of the

Canadian Association of Movers and has been involved in the moving industry for 20 years.

Kenneth Wilson, BSc(Eng), was recently appointed business services group president for Sprint Canada.

'70 Mary DeShaye, Dip(PHNU), is retired from a career in public health with the City of Edmonton. Unfortunately, Mary reports she recently lost her husband of 50 years and underwent surgery herself. She writes, "I'm still here to learn to live to tell the tale."

Halyna Freeland, LLB, '67 BA, recently received the Honorary Award of the President of Ukraine for her contributions to building the legal system of Ukraine and spreading legal knowledge to the public — the only non-Ukraine citizen to receive the award since its inception in 1992.

Eric Stewart, BA, '71 Dip(Ed), has been teaching in B.C. since 1971, in Sparwood, Williams Lake, Kamloops, and Vancouver, B.C. where he has been the head of modern languages at St. George's, a private boy's school, for the last 17 years.

'71 John Anoby, PhD, has been reappointed as chair of the department of English at Trinity Western U in Langley, B.C. John reports that a former colleague of his at Trinity was the recently retired **Elsie Holmes**, '72 PhD, '66 BA, '69 MA.

Mikoshiba Shigeo, PhD, a professor at the U of Electro-Communications in Tokyo, was recently named a fellow of the Society for Information Display. He is the author of the book *Advances in Plasma Display Technologies*.

'72 John Blades, BEd, and **Stephanie Blades (Komarnisky)**, '93 BEd, live in Tofield, Alberta and work at Tofield School. John teaches physical education and coaches several teams. Stephanie is the librarian. They report they are enjoying their grandchildren.

Douglas Murdoch, BSc(Eng), lives in Edmonton with his wife and three children. After 18 years with the water branch of the City of Edmonton, Doug is now with EPCOR doing business process improvement.

Terry Sosnowski, MD, '71 BSc(Med), an emergency physician at the U of A Hospitals and an assistant clinical professor in the division of emergency medicine at the U of A, was awarded a Medal for Distinguished Service from the Alberta Medical Association.

Linda Van Gastel, MSc, was recently

appointed vice-president, engineering of PanCanadian Petroleum.

'73 Renée Bernier, BEd, a former teacher at St. Francis and Bishop Carroll High Schools in Calgary, recently was the first woman inducted into the Hall of Fame for Lions Clubs International Multiple District 37. Also in the past year, she received a special award from the Calgary chapter of Professional Secretaries International for her 27-year involvement with the organization. President of the Canadian chapter of the International Society for Business Educators, Renée has been married for 55 years and has three children.

'74 Patricia Daunais (Sveeen), LLB, is a lawyer with the firm McCarthy Tétrault in Calgary. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in January 1996. Patricia has three children and reports, "Life is wonderful!"

Cecilia Johnstone, LLB, '73 BA, a former partner in the Edmonton law firm Lucas Bowker & White and a former president of the Canadian Bar Association, was recently appointed chancellor of Newman Theological College for a four-year term.

Hazel Lingard, BEd, retired from teaching in 1990 and is now a part-time proofreader for the local paper in Drayton Valley, Alberta. She is also an active community volunteer.

Wanda Wetterberg, BPE, was recently appointed associate vice-president (human resources) at the University of Alberta. Previously, she had been with the parks and recreation area and general manager, personnel for the City of Edmonton.

'75 Mark Berner, MD, is an assistant professor at McGill U and also teaches child and maternal health care as the obstetrics education coordinator at St. Mary's Hospital in Montreal.

Agoingi Emmanuel Goloto, BEd passed away in 1975. His son would like to hear from any friends or classmates who might remember his father, who attended the U of A in the early '70s. Anyone with information may forward mail to his son through the Office of Alumni Affairs.

Margaret Shannon, BEd, has been living at the Black Cat Guest Ranch in Hinton, Alberta since 1984. She instructs at Elderhostel sessions there and loves hosting family and friends.

'76 Eric Jaschke, Dip(Ed), '72 BCom and **Leslie Ayre-Jaschke**, '77 BEd, live

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in Peace River with their two sons. Eric is a partner with Bennis Jaschke Burdeyney and Leslie is a certified lactation consultant. She coordinates the Building Better Babies project for Health Canada and is a La Leche League Canada director.

Margaret Shupe (Craig), BEd, who retired from a teaching career with Edmonton Public Schools in 1980, then taught English in Shizuoka, Japan for "three glorious years." She continues to enjoy retirement.

Ronald Weisenburger, MSc,

'70 BSc(Ag), recently became president of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. He is a former president of the Alberta Institute of Agrologists.

'77 Deborah Cove (Papernik), BSc(MLS), and **Gordon Cove**, BSc(EdSci), live in Red Deer where Gordon is assistant general manager of Fletcher's Fine Foods Ltd. Deborah is enjoying her new role as a "stay-at-home mom" of two daughters after 19 years as a laboratory technologist at the U of A Hospitals.

Richard Daniel, MA, '72 BA, has been

appointed manager of the natural gas storage and hub services unit of Alberta Energy Company Ltd.

Joshua Miller, BA, is vice-president, development for Minds-Eye Pictures in Edmonton. Most recently the company has completed photography for a four-hour television mini-series called *The Lost Daughter* starring actor Richard Chamberlain. Josh was recently appointed to the board of the Alberta Performing Arts Stabilization Fund and continues to serve on the board of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.

Peter Thompson, BSc, was recently appointed vice-president, administration of O.J. Pipelines Corp., based in Nisku, Alberta.

'78 John Doi, MEd, is the principal of Westwood Community High School in Fort McMurray, Alberta, the only high school in North America which shares joint facilities with a YMCA.

Walter Madro, BA, is senior vice-president of marketing for Scurlock Permian Corporation in Ashland, Kentucky.

Jeremy Simms, PhD, was recently appointed chief superintendent of the Calgary Catholic School Board. Previously, he was superintendent of research, planning and evaluation for the Halifax County-Bedford School District in Nova Scotia.

'79 Ian Verhappen, BSc, '82 BSc(Eng), recently became vice-president elect of the publications department of ISA, the international society of measurement and control.



'80 Edward Carson, BEd, has been involved in international development for more than 15 years, first with CUSO in Africa and later in Central America. Carson has spent the last 10 years living in Managua, Nicaragua with his wife and daughter and helping homeless and disabled children there.

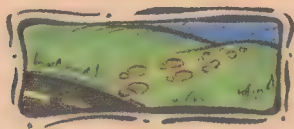
Kevin Jenkins, LLB, the former president and CEO of Canadian Airlines International Ltd., is the new president and CEO of the Westaim Corporation. He also serves on the board of directors of the Alberta technology company.

Michelle Mottola, MSc, '84 PhD, and **Gordon Marchiori**, '82 MSc, '87 PhD, report from London, Ontario that they have been "spending sleepless nights since the birth of their second daughter" this past May.

Monika Zechetmayr, PhD, a professor at the U of Tasmania in Launceston, was recently elected to the Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health youth suicide prevention group sub-committee.

'81 Michael Chwok, LLB, '78 BA, of Sherwood Park, Alberta was appointed Queen's Counsel in January 1996.

Carolyn Gagnon (Cross), BA, lives in Oakville, Ontario and owns and operates an 11-year-old trading house. "Play with my sons and looking forward



OFF THE BEATEN PATH

It was an emotional homecoming for **Laura Witvoet (Morrison)**, '85 BEd, when the LPGA tour came to Edmonton this past summer. Her parents drove in from nearby Ponoka, Alberta and other friends and family lined the fairways at the Edmonton Golf and Country Club to watch the only Alberta woman on the LPGA tour play in the du Maurier Classic. How did Witvoet handle the pressure?

"I hacked," laughs the 33-year-old golfer, who shot a respectable 78, 81 at the par-72 course but didn't make the cut for the tournament. After three years on the LPGA tour Witvoet is accustomed to the capricious nature of the game. "Golf is definitely a mental sport—at the pro level even more so. Once you're at the skill level it's all a mental game after that."

There's never been any doubt about Witvoet's skill at golf. A Pincher Creek native who moved to Ponoka as a young girl, she had a promising early career (she was the Central Alberta junior champion from 1975-77 and the Central Alberta women's high school champion in 1978) but then quit the sport entirely for about ten years. "It seemed like such a big dream, really a pipe dream at the time," says Witvoet of her aspirations to play professional golf. She had lost enthusiasm for the game and despaired at the lack of opportunities for a young woman to play golf at a competitive level in Alberta.

It was during her decade-long hiatus from golf that Witvoet earned a teaching degree from the U of A—an accomplishment that would, ironically, help get her back into the game. After teaching school in Eckville, Alberta for a few years Witvoet decided to pursue her dream and in 1988 moved to California, where she landed an assistant pro position at a private golf club. "That's what got me my job in Palm Springs, my teaching degree. That first year I relied on it a lot when I was giving lessons." Witvoet sharpened her game by playing in mini-tours during her off-season, and by 1993 she had earned her LPGA card.

Forget the glamor—according to Witvoet the LPGA is a big business with big money at stake, and lots of hard work. This year she left her home in Mesa, Arizona in early May and didn't return until late September, having driven some 30,000 kilometres criss-crossing North America to play in a different tournament nearly every week.

Such a schedule would normally preclude a personal life,

but in Witvoet's case her family stays together because they play together. Her husband Ron, an avid hockey player and golfer, is not only her caddy but was her inspiration for giving golf another try. "His competitiveness got me back into it," says Witvoet, who knows all about male competitiveness from playing against her brothers while she was growing up. (One brother, Alan Morrison, is now a club professional at a golf course in Idaho). "We have our moments," Witvoet jokes, but she says the benefits of having her spouse caddy for her outweigh the dangers. "With me it's a trust thing... he knows my personality and tendencies I have when I get under pressure. That's one of the biggest advantages, that day-to-day rapport."

Witvoet spends the winters in Arizona working on her golf game but looks forward to coming back to Alberta a couple of times a year. She's thrilled to see the growth of the sport and golf courses mushrooming all over the province. "I'm absolutely amazed at the skill level and professionalism now in ladies' golf in Alberta," Witvoet says. Somewhere, on a golf course in small-town Alberta, there might be another budding Laura Witvoet coming up the ranks.



to catching up with any alumni coming through Toronto."

Thelma O'Neill, BMus, teaches piano at the Alberta College Conservatory of Music in Edmonton. As a pianist she has performed frequently in concert and on radio and has studied, taught and performed in Fontainebleau, France; Toronto; Montreal; and Saskatoon.

'82 Alison Beames, LLB, was recently appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of B.C. Previously, she practised with the Edmonton law firm Milner & Steer and the Kelowna firm Salloum, Doak.

Kenneth Coull, MBA, '68 BSc, is the chief administrative officer of the Alberta Safety Codes Council.

Jacob De Leeuw, MEd, now teaches in the Woodside program of Edmonton Public School, a "last-chance" program for junior/senior high school students with behavioral problems. Previously, he taught students on the pediatric and psychiatry wards of the Glenrose Hospital and at Spruce Avenue Junior High School in Edmonton. Two of his children are U of A graduates.

Charalee Graydon, LLB, '79 BA, recently joined the Calgary office of the law firm Cook Duke Cox.

Dee Ann Hopkyns (De Rappard), BEd, has been enjoying teaching in Edmonton since 1983 and also reports she has been married for eight years and has two children.

Keith Jones, BSc(Ag), and **Beverly Jones (Brewin)**, '86 BSc(Ag), live in Hinton, Alberta with their three sons. Keith is a project manager for a performance management consulting firm, the Rydberg Levy Group. Bev is training and working in adult education.

Pierre LeFort, BSc, and **Barbara LeFort**, '89 BA, report they have "moved to Asia to see the world and find meaningful work."

'83 Christine Brzezowski, BSc, an adjunct assistant professor of chemistry at the U of Utah, won three campus-wide awards for teaching excellence there in the past year: the Alumni Association Adjunct Faculty Award, the Associated Students of the University of Utah Students' Choice Award, and the Presidential Teaching Scholar Award.

Sandy Lyons, BCom, a licensed bankruptcy trustee and certified fraud examiner, is vice-president of a practice formed by the merger of the insolvency practice at Zamada and Company Inc. with BDO Dunwoody Limited.

Muhammad Mizanuddin, MA, is a professor in the department of sociology at Rajshahi U in Bangladesh.

'84 Colleen Black, Postgrad Dip, '73 Dip(Nu), '66 Dip(Nu), recently moved from Campbell River, B.C. to Victoria to assume the position of CEO at Mount St. Mary Hospital.

Kimm Harty, MSc, was appointed deputy director of the Utah Geological Survey in May 1996.

Kevin McKay, BA (RecAdmin), runs programs and activities for seniors at a seniors' recreation centre in New Westminster, B.C. Kevin was married last year and honeymooned on the Oregon coast and in San Francisco.

Susan Smith (Rouse), PhD, recently became a clinical health educator at the Community Hospital of San Bernardino in southern California to develop their outpatient health education program.

Delphin Swalm, BA, is a clinical psychologist in a pain management program in Perth, Australia. She is married and recently had a baby girl.

'85 Keith Burant, BCom, is the managing director of Meridian Trust Company Ltd., located in the Turks & Caicos Islands. Keith reports that he "has given up snow and ice for sun and sand. Happily married with one up and another on the way."

Shirley Kachur, BA, is "ecstatic" at the recent arrival of a daughter. Her family recently moved to California, where Shirley hopes to publish an automotive book and continue working as a writer and editor.

Gwen Deegan, BFA, and **Kevin Mar**, BFA, welcomed to their family a baby girl in March 1996.

Donald Gerke, BCom, was recently appointed chief financial officer of Power Pool of Alberta.

Jennifer Morgan, BSc(HEc), returned to North America after spending 11 year in the U.K. and works for the international wool secretariat in New York.

Marty Proctor, MSc, '84 BSc(Eng), and his family have "returned to their homeland after a six-year adventure through California and Colorado." Now living in Calgary, Marty is the manager, reservoir engineering for silk energy.

Deborah Prophet (Grimes), BSc(HEc), reports she has survived the teaching cutbacks and will continue in her position as department head of family studies at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School in Ridgeway, Ontario. "Life has had a fair number of

IN MEMORIAM

The Alumni Association notes with sorrow the passing of the following graduates:

William Herbert Swift '24 BA, '27 MA, '30 BEd, '68 LLD (Honorary) of Edmonton in September '96

George Semenuik '32 BSc(Ag), '34 MSc, of Richland, Washington in September '96

Margaret Elizabeth McAllister (Morrison) '33 BCom, of Calgary in October '96

William Ward '33 BSc(Eng), of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario in November '95

William Martin Anderson '34 BCom, of Vancouver in July '96

Guy Stewart Kinnear '34 BSc(Eng), of Salmon Arm, B.C. in September '96

Raymond Cyril Newby '35 MD, of Victoria in September '96

Ian David Ritchie '36 BSc(Eng), of Hudson, Quebec in June '96

Edward Cecil Roper '36 BSc(Eng), of Naramata, B.C. in May '96

Archibald Trotter Smith '36 BSc(Eng), of Kamloops, B.C. in December '95

Evan Winston Bogart '37 BSc(Eng), of Belleville, Ontario in September '96

Donald Edmund Cameron '37 BSc(Ag), of St. Albert, Alberta in August '96

Douglas Richard Crosby '38 BSc, of Canmore, Alberta in November '96

Lois Eileen Pett (McAfee) '38 BA, of Ottawa in September '96

George Turnbull Robertson '38 BA, of Cheney, Washington in October '96

Edward Alexander Gain '40 BA, '43 MD, of Sidney, B.C. in September '96

William Welgan '40 DDS, of Seattle, Washington in July '96

Douglas Andrew Brimacombe '41 BCom, of Edmonton in August '96

Tully Conn '41 BSc, of Saskatoon in May '96

Herbert Thomas Coutts '42 MA, '79 LLD (Honorary), of Edmonton in July '96

Marion Griffiths (MacRae) '42 BA, '44 MD, of Saanichton, B.C. in July '96

Alison Boyd Douglas (McBride) '43 Dip(Nu) '44 Dip(PHNU), of Edmonton in September '96

William Holeton '43 BSc, of Vancouver in December '95

Ralph Joseph Dalsin '44 BSc(Ag), of Calgary in September '96

Ralph McLaren Duncan '44 DDS, of Shawnigan Lake, B.C. in June '96

Elva Margaret Perdue '45 BSc(HEc), '58 Dip(Ed), '58 BEd, of Edmonton in October '96

Peter Dean Raffa '46 BA, '46 BEd, '56 MA, of Red Deer in September '96

George Drake '47 BSc(Eng), of North Vancouver in June '96

Grace Elizabeth Holzwarth (Douglas) '47 BSc(Nu), of Niverville, New York in October '96

Richard Frank Staples '47 BEd, of Westlock, Alberta in March '96

Donald Anderson Steed '47 BSc(Pharm), of Raymond, Alberta in September '96

Eric Baker '48 BSc, '50 MD, of Medicine Hat, Alberta in September '96

Armin Kutzner '48 BEd, of Hay River, N.W.T., in July '96

William Earl Lambert '48 BEd, '49 MEd, of Parksville, B.C. in November '96

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Charles Templeton '48 BSc, of Calgary in August '96

Lloyd Urdal '48 BEd, '49 MEd, of Spokane, Washington in July '96

Roy Frederick Cummer '49 BSc(Eng) of Didsbury, Alberta in July '96

Tevie Harold Miller '49 BA, '50 LLB, '91 LLD (Honorary), of Edmonton in August '96

Bernard Leo Nugent '49 BSc(Eng), of Edmonton in August '96

John Mortimer Calvert '50 DDS, of Edmonton in November '96

Helen Leskiw-Adair '50 BSc, of Bathurst, New Brunswick in February '96

Richard Albert Mercer '50 BSc, of Medicine Hat, Alberta in August '96

George Pearce '50 DDS, of Trochu, Alberta in June '96

Walter Peter Wiens '50 BSc, of Calgary in November '96

Kenneth Roy Newcombe '51 BSc(Pharm), of Calgary in July '96

Walter George Dushinski '52 BSc, of Edmonton in September '96

Walter Kuznecov '54 BSc, '59 BSc(Eng), '69 BEd, of Edmonton in August '96

John Graham McNiven '54 BA, '55 LLB, of Calgary in September '96

William Ogrodnick '55 Dip(Ed), '57 Dip(Ed), '58 BEd, of Holden, Alberta in August '96

Marie-Antoine Bugeaud '56 BEd, of Edmonton in August '96

David John Hemphill '56 BSc(Eng), of Calgary in July '96

Lillian Alberta McPhie '56 BEd, of Ponoka, Alberta in November '96

Jack Kanee '57 DDS, of Richmond, B.C. in September '96

Sophie Knoch '57 Dip(Ed), of Melville, Saskatchewan in October '96

John Elgin Foster '59 BA, '66 MA, '73 PhD, of Edmonton in September '96

Paul Andrew Jenson '59 BSc(Ag), '66 MSc, '78 LLB, of Alder Flats, Alberta in October '96

Konstantin Harry Semeniuk '59 MD, of Victoria in July '96

Albert Borkent '60 DDS, of Edmonton in August '96

Aime Joseph Rey '60 BEd, of McLennan, Alberta in September '96

Raymond George Sawka '60 BSc(Eng), of Calgary in July '96

John Paul Ciurysek '61 BSc(Eng), of Calgary in July '95

Pauline Marie Morin (Lefebvre) '61 BSc(HEc), of Edmonton in August '96

Marie Theresa Gallivan '62 BEd, of Edmonton in August '96

Walter Romanko '62 BEd, '71 Dip(Ed), of Vancouver in September '96

Brian Leigh Jickling '63 BSc, of Calgary in June '96

James Robert Paget '63 BSc, of Calgary in July '96

Horace Baker '64 BSc(Ag), '67 MSc, of Sarnia, Ontario in September '96

Lucien Landry '64 BEd, of St. Paul, Alberta in September '96

Leon Brian Prodor '64 LLB, of San Diego, California in October '96

twists," she writes.

Nancy Smith, MBA, '83 BA, was recently appointed vice-president, marketing for Petro-Canada in Calgary.

Ann Smreciu, MSc, recently received the Dr. Edward M. Watkin Award of Merit from the Canadian Land Reclamation Association for her significant contribution to the betterment of land reclamation. Ann has worked with Wild Rose Consulting in Edmonton since 1989.

'86 Gregory Bittman, BSc(Nu), became a Roman Catholic priest in August 1996, the first ordination in the Edmonton archdiocese in four years.

Chet Chan, Special Cert, was recently appointed director of information services for Power Pool of Alberta.

Brenda McDonald, BA, reports that over the last decade she has worked for airlines, a hotel, a bank, a television station, and on a couple of movie sets. She has also been an avid volunteer for Edmonton's annual First Night festival. She is now living and teaching English in Kobe, Japan. "If variety is the spice of life, then I'm having one hot time!"

Mary Wan, BSc(HEc), lives in Sydney, Australia where she is studying in an MBA program.

'87 Chris Herdman, PhD, '83 MSc, and **Joanne LeFevre**, '88 PhD, '85 MSc, '82 BSc, are associate professors of psychology at Carleton U. They have two children.

Murray Hunt, BEd, lives in Toronto and teaches for the Scarborough Board of Education. "I just bought a new home for myself and my three cats, Betty, Barney and Tyler," Murray reports.

Cheryl LeBlanc, BA, was recently appointed marketing manager for the Toronto-based company Garlock of Canada Ltd.

Susan Torrible, BSc(Nu), recently completed an MD from the U of Calgary and is currently a resident in internal medicine at the U of A Hospitals.

'88 Graham McKinnon, MSc, '84 BSc, was recently appointed vice-president responsible for the materials and devices laboratory of the Alberta Microelectronic Centre.

Faiz Sayeed, LLB, '84 BCom, practices corporate, commercial and joint venture/collaboration law in Madras, India and would like to get in touch with former classmates, who can contact Faiz through the Office of Alumni Affairs.

'89 Kim Baker, MD, is an assistant

professor in the department of radiological sciences at Allegheny U Hospital in Philadelphia. He recently completed a fellowship in neuroradiology at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology in St. Louis. Kim is married with three children.

Guy Delorme, BA (RecAdmin), has been a recreation leadership pedagogical counsellor and trainer for three years, serving the 14 communities of Nunavik in northern Quebec. "I really enjoy working up north because it is a good challenge and I have a really good group of trainees."

Glenn Gardner, BA, recently moved to Vancouver to pursue a master's degree in architecture at UBC.

'90 Mark Crawford, BSc, is an analyst for the pension and benefits consulting firm Buck Consultants in Calgary. Mark reports that he was married in 1993 and is currently studying to become a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries.

Valerie Hansen (Ewasiuk), BCom, is a consultant at Saville Systems Canada.

Paul Nickerson, BSc, '92 BEd, reports that he was recently married, is a new home owner, and is enjoying his second year of teaching with the Calgary

Catholic School Board. Previously, Paul taught in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

'91 Steven Houle, BCom, was named the Alberta Young Entrepreneur of the Year for 1996. He is a co-owner of Sparta Water Systems, a company he started six years ago with his father **Gerald Houle**, '66 BEd.

Leela John, BSc, '95 BSc(Pharm), recently completed a residency at the Ottawa General Hospital and is now a pharmacist there.

Dean Kraus, BCom, has obtained a law degree from the U of Toronto and is now pursuing a master's degree in law at Harvard U.

Gillian Wiley, MSc, completed a veterinary program at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and is now a veterinarian at St. John's Veterinary Hospital in Newfoundland.

'92 Michael Arends, BCom and **Diana Lea Loehde**, BSc(OT), were married in Edmonton this past summer. They live in Seattle, where Michael works for KPMG and Diana works for Northwest Evaluations for the Injured.

'93 Sharon Blott, MEd, is the director of Adoption Search and Counselling Inc. in Calgary.

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Humayon Butt, MSc, '87 BSc, is a computer networking and programming specialist who has worked in Edmonton, Calgary and Detroit as a consultant.

Currently he is a systems analyst for Suncor in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Charles Lee, MSc, '90 BSc, recently began an NSERC post-doctoral fellowship in molecular cytogenetics in the department of pathology at Cambridge U in England.

Corey Mahood, BEd, has taught junior high school for the Edmonton Catholic School District since graduation.

Pradeep Modur, MSc, is completing a neurology residency at the U of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

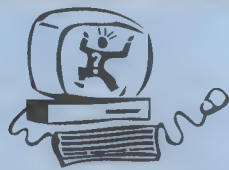
Margaret Olson, PhD, '68 BEd, '89 MEd, teaches in the department of education at St. Francis Xavier U in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Arlene Reid, LLB, has opened the Reid Law Office in Drayton Valley, Alberta.

Terry Suelzle, BA, works in the field of fixed-income derivatives and equity derivatives for J.P. Morgan in Singapore. Previously, he spent three years with the investment banking arm of Barclay's Bank in Japan.

Todd Van der Loos, BA, is completing an MBA at the U of A and will be one of the first students to take part in a double degree program with the U of Grenoble, France next year.

'94 Dana Lerbekmo (Albert), BSc(Nu), and **Jeff Lerbekmo**, BEd, live in Edmonton. Dana works in the respiratory outreach program at the U of A Hospitals and Jeff teaches at J. Percy



Ben McClure, '92 BA, '94 BA, is an editor with *d.Comm*, an on-line magazine published by The Economist Group in London that covers telecommunications and information technology issues. (Check it out at www.d-comm.com.) Through "the beauty of Internet publishing" a new issue of *d.Comm* is posted every day to keep up-to-date with the rapidly changing industry it follows. Since a trip to Britain after graduation turned into an extended stay, Ben has also worked at the Science Museum in London and for an academic publishing company. He lives in Shepherds Bush, West London, and belongs to the Sons of the Thames rowing club. "Although I love living here, it can get hectic. I do miss Alberta's open space and clean crisp air."

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Blaine Peterson, BSc(Eng), works in the Kansas City office of Hanson Engineers Inc.

'95 Wendy Bakgaard, MA, won an international design award at the Canadian Reflections Conference held recently in Banff by the International Textile and Apparel Association.

Derek Chapman, LLB, recently became an associate with the Edmonton law firm Lucas Bowker & White.

Ben Guido, LLB, recently became an associate with the Edmonton law firm Lucas Bowker & White.

Lesia Jacula, BSc(HEC), is director of dietary services for Versa Services at the H.H. Williams Memorial Hospital in Hay River, N.W.T.

Lori Lodermeier, BEd, taught in Raymond, Alberta after graduation and now teaches in Abbotsford, B.C.

Kenneth Manning, LLB, '92 BA, is an associate with the Edmonton law firm Durocher Simpson.

Rolf Pritchard, LLB, '83 BA, was called to the Newfoundland bar in October 1996. He is an associate with the law office of Brian Casey in St. John's.

Marion Van Orizande, BEd, teaches first grade in Winnipeg. "I plan to get married next year and continue teaching forever!"

Kathleen Williams, LLB, is an associate with the Edmonton law firm McLennan Ross.

'96 Stephen Lipka, BEd, teaches at the Nguni Secondary School in Mwingi, Kenya with Volunteer Service Overseas.

Amit Monga, PhD, a former Graduate Students' Association representative on Alumni Council, is now a manager at KPMG Consulting in Edmonton. Amit works in the area of strategic resource management and research and technology management.

Joelle Renzi, MSc, won an international design award at the Canadian Reflections Conference held recently in Banff by the International Textile and Apparel Association.

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Gilbert Utas '64 DDS, of Grande Prairie, Alberta in September '96

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Building the Best Student Body

The University of Alberta is putting the pieces into place for a successful student recruitment program

By Rick Pilger

You might take Wynne Leung and Tim Poon to be typical first-year university students – and for the most part you would be right. Talking and laughing with their friends, neither stands out from the crush of students making their way from class to class at the University of Alberta. But in an important way, the two University of Alberta freshmen do stand out: both are truly outstanding students.

Both Leung, who completed her International Baccalaureate program at Harry Ainlay High School in Edmonton, and Poon, a graduate of the IB program at Edmonton's Old Scona High School, achieved perfect marks on the 1996 IB exams (see page 31). They were the only students in Canada to do so – two of only 16 students in the world to make their way into that exclusive club this year.

Brian Silzer, '69 BSc, '71 BEd, '78 MEd, is understandably pleased that both of Canada's IB perfect scorers chose to pursue studies at the U of A – Leung in honors physiology, Poon in engineering. Silzer, the U of A's registrar, says that in the past too many of Alberta's very best students have been lured away by out-of-province universities with extremely aggressive recruitment programs.

The University of Alberta has recently begun putting together an active recruitment effort of its own, and on 4 November 1996 Silzer provided the University's General Faculties Council with information that showed that the University's increased focus on attracting outstanding students is making a difference. The figures Silzer provided to GFC show that in 1996-97 a total of 1,524 students with high school matriculation averages of 80 per cent or better entered first year studies at the U of A – over 10 per cent more than in 1993-94, when only 1,365 students entered with equivalent marks.

Interviewed in his office that same day, Silzer repeated the message that he gave to GFC: while the University has been competing more vigorously to attract the best and brightest students,



there are still many pieces of the puzzle yet to be put in place. There is still much to do to catch up with other Canadian universities of similar size, says Silzer. "We've had some successes," he says, "but our ability to financially recognize outstanding prospective university scholars and leaders still pales by comparison with those of other institutions, such as UBC and Toronto."

Complacent no more

From its very beginning, the University of Alberta has been blessed with outstanding students eager to learn. For the better part of a century extremely capable and highly motivated women and men have come to the University, worked and studied hard, graduated, and gone on to play important

Showing the flag: U of A registrar Brian Silzer and assistant registrar Susan Main are taking the University's message to prospective students from across Canada and around the world.

A Win-Win Situation

While the University has focused on attracting the best and brightest – students with dazzling marks and exceptional leadership accomplishments – that doesn't mean it is interested only in the very high achievers, says U of A registrar Brian Silzer. "We're looking to attract students with a wide range of aptitudes," says Silzer. "We haven't abandoned our historical commitment to meeting the post-secondary educational needs of a large portion of this province's students."

It is in the University's best interest to ensure that it is attractive to all, says the registrar. "We need a critical mass to sustain the diversity of the University's offerings," he says. "If our enrolment is not maintained at a certain level, our ability to mount a wide range of courses is impaired."

Furthermore, says Silzer, attracting top achievers and meeting the educational needs of a broad range of students can go hand-in-hand. "It's not a tradeoff. We're not closing any doors," he says. "Having outstanding students on campus enhances the experience for all participants, and it ultimately increases the value of a University of Alberta degree." ■



The Registrar's Office has revamped its publications to gear them to the needs of prospective students.

roles in the history and development of Alberta, of Canada, and of countries around the globe.

The notion of recruiting students has not had much currency in the past: for the most part the University has been content to rely on its standing as Alberta's first and largest university and the quality of its programs to attract top calibre students. "That complacency is gone," says Silzer.

In 1993, with other Canadian universities vigorously recruiting Western Canada's top students and several American Ivy League universities offering lucrative scholarships to the cream of Alberta's students, the University of Alberta identified the recruitment of outstanding students as a priority. *Degrees of Freedom*, the University's stra-

tegic plan to the year 2005, was released that year. Recognizing that the reputation and quality of the University are directly related to the quality of its students, it called upon the University to "attract the very best students to our undergraduate programs through an energetic recruitment program," and to vigorously seek outstanding students for the University's graduate programs.

Since coming to the University of Alberta as its president two years ago, **Roderick Fraser**, '61 BA, '63 MA, has relentlessly focused on ensuring that the University of Alberta becomes "indisputably recognized, nationally and internationally, as one of Canada's finest universities." To forward that vision for his alma mater, Fraser has worked hard to ensure that the University of Alberta is the university of choice for students such as Leung and Poon. He wants to bring top quality students not only from Alberta, but from across Canada and around the world to campus. Says Fraser: "We are committed to recruiting outstanding students – students who are outstanding in the classroom, outstanding in extracurricular activities – in short, students with outstanding potential to become, as our alumni, model citizens and the leaders of tomorrow."

Spreading the message

On the front lines of the competition for students is Susan Main. The assistant registrar for liaison and recruitment, she manages the University's national program for recruiting undergraduates.

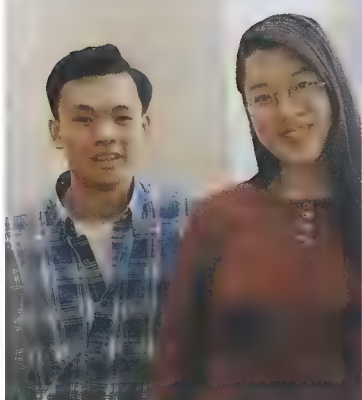
Gaining an International Perspective

The University of Alberta is committed to attracting outstanding students from Alberta and around the world. In his installation address, President Rod Fraser called for an optimal learning environment at the University that would "better encompass an understanding of the global world in which we live" to equip U of A graduates to deal with the economic, cultural, social, and political realities of an international society.

"A key part of the University experience is interaction with other students," says U of A registrar Brian Silzer. "If we have a more diverse student body, we broaden the intellectual opportunities for all." In September 1996 Silzer and alumni director Susan Peirce traveled to the Far East, where they visited alumni and took part in educational fairs in Singapore, Hong Kong, and South Korea.

"It was an eye-opener," says Silzer. "It confirmed that there is a demand – there are students looking for the opportunity to study outside their country, and the needs of their countries supports that. It also confirmed that the U of A is well positioned to address those needs."

The trip also served to underline the important role of alumni in recruiting international students, says Silzer. "The further away you go from Edmonton, the more powerful that resource is," says the registrar. "Sometimes the greatest barrier we face is the perception that in Canada we all live in igloos. It's great to have alumni who can convey the satisfaction of being part of the U of A community." ■



Tim Poon and Wynne Leung

Rising to the Top

Wynne Leung and Tim Poon are somewhat baffled by the attention they are receiving – and a bit embarrassed. “I guess we just lucked out,” says Wynne, who has gotten used to being addressed by strangers: “Hey, aren’t you that person ...?” they ask. Yes, she admits, she is “that person”: the person whose picture was in the paper, the high school student who scored perfect marks in the final year of her International Baccalaureate program.

Of all the students in Canada who wrote IB finals in 1996, Leung and Poon – both from Edmonton and both now enrolled at the U of A – were the only ones to achieve perfect scores. “The curves must have worked in our favor,” says Poon, referring to the bell curves used to distribute marks (out of a possible seven) in each of the six IB subject areas. Students can earn an additional three marks by way of an essay and a small theory of knowledge course, to bring the total possible marks to 45 – the score that both Leung and Poon received.

When asked about their success, both students stress the importance of keeping up with the course material and the need for outside interests. “I don’t think I could have survived without some free time,” says Poon, who was active in intramurals at Old Scona Academic High School and did volunteer work at the Misericordia Hospital. Leung was active in the students’ union at Harry Ainlay High School and has studied piano to the grade 10 level.

Both are enjoying the U of A. “It’s been good,” says Poon. “I’ve been able to keep in touch with my old friends and also meet so many new people.” Leung agrees, “You do meet so many people,” she says. ■

She says that in the past year several pieces have been put into place to assist the University in recruiting students. “Things have begun moving along together here at quite a pace,” says Main. She recently hired a second recruitment officer for her team, making it possible to spread the U of A’s message beyond Alberta’s borders. One of her recruiters will spend almost two months in Ontario, visiting targeted high schools chosen with consideration to the size of the school, demonstrated academic excellence, special programs, and the number of graduates who pursue post-secondary studies. Similar visits will be made across Manitoba, Saskatchewan, B.C. and into the Yukon and North West Territories. Travel to the Maritimes will begin in the spring of 1997.

To take with them, Main’s recruitment officers have a number of lively and colorful publications. “We’ve revamped all of our publications,” says Main, “and they’re now really geared to the information needs of the student. They also give a feel for campus.” The Registrar’s office is also making use of the World Wide Web, but Silzer would like to add another dimension to the puzzle. “Where we are deficient,” he says, “is in the area of CDROMs and videos. We live in a very visual world and tools like these are important. They are also pretty expensive – but our competition does have them.”

While high-tech tools and well-designed publications are important, the personal touch is often what makes the difference. When Wynne Leung was awarded one of the University’s top recruitment scholarships (a President’s Citation worth \$25,000 over five years) she heard the news over the phone from President Fraser himself. Tim Poon got a call from U of A Chancellor Lou Hyndman when he was awarded a \$15,000 Chan-

cellor’s Citation. Deans have also begun to go out of their way to phone top prospects.

Whenever possible, the Registrar’s Office now personalizes mail to prospective students. Recipients of Academic Excellence Awards are contacted on a regular basis and a phoning program has been instituted. In early summer volunteers and staff phone students who have applied and not registered. Later, phone calls are made to remind students to submit documents required to complete their registration. “The phoning program, which has students phoning students, has had very positive results,” says Main.

Scholarships needed

For the University of Alberta, the biggest missing chunk of the recruitment puzzle is scholarship funding, says Silzer. He points out that the competition for the best and brightest students is occurring at a time when fiscal pressures on students – and their parents – are mount-

A Role for Alumni

The Alumni Association has enthusiastically supported the University’s efforts to attract the best and brightest. In fact the Association helped lead the way with the creation in 1994 of the Alumni Association Academic Excellence Scholarships. Twenty of these \$2,500 scholarships are awarded annually to students entering the University from high school, based on superior academic achievement in grade 11 courses.

The Association is participating in other ways as well. In March 1996 it was a partner in an information and recruitment fair held in Red Deer. Alumni in the area were invited to bring with them students who might be interested in attending the U of A. In the coming year, alumni involvement in recruiting will be expanded. Already information fairs are scheduled for Calgary (5 February) and Red Deer (6 February). Similar events are being planned for other centres.

Beyond formal Association activities, alumni can help in other ways, says assistant registrar Susan Main. She encourages alumni living throughout the world to promote the U of A and to help the University make contact with prospective students. “If alumni are aware of schools, students, or other individuals we should be in touch with, we would be thrilled if they would pass that on to us,” says Main. “Anything that alumni can feed back we would greatly appreciate.” ■

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ing. "The whole area of scholarships and financial aid is becoming more important as the amount individual students have to contribute toward the cost of their education increases," says Silzer. In 1994-95 the University offered entering students approximately \$500,000 in awards. While this is a huge step up from a few years earlier, universities such as Queen's and Western are offering three times as much or more.

Fortunately, some help may be on the way. Enhancing endowments for student scholarships and bursaries has been identified as a top priority for the University's major fund campaign slated to be launched in the spring of 1997. "There is no ques-

Competing for Graduate Students

While top graduating high school students are much-sought-after, the competition for top-notch graduate students is even more fierce – and the stakes of the game are high. Just how high is illustrated by the recent example of an exceptionally good student who recently received her undergraduate degree in microbiology from the U of A's Faculty of Science. She was recruited by a prestigious U.S. university, which offered her \$30,000 US per annum to enrol in its PhD program.

To assist in the recruitment of promising graduate students, the University of Alberta recently worked out an arrangement with the Graduate Students' Association on campus. Under the terms of the agreement, over the next five years more than \$8 million gathered through graduate student tuition fees will be directed to the creation of scholarships for graduate students.

It is hoped that through the major fund campaign now being established the University will be able to double that, raising a further \$8 million for the establishment of endowments to be used to support graduate student recruitment scholarships. ■

tion about it," says Silzer, "our ability to compete for the best students is closely linked to our ability to offer students financial support." Main agrees and is pleased that the missing pieces of the puzzle may soon be in hand. "Although we are not as competitive as we see our competitors being, we are making headway," she says. ➤

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The refurbished sterling silver soup tureen has been mounted on a base made from an old maple tree that once grew on campus to create the University Cup, the U of A's highest award for excellence in teaching and learning.

The first recipient is English professor **Juliet McMaster**, '63 MA, '65 PhD, an Oxford University graduate and the University of Alberta's first PhD graduate in Arts more than 30 years ago. McMaster is particularly known for her expertise on the works of Jane Austen, and is a popular undergraduate teacher and supervisor of graduate students.



the Healing



I am a member of a support group.

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When my friend Margaret died,

I painted my grief and my joy

at being a part of this group.

-Mary Sullivan Holdgrafer,
artist's statement for the quilt "Breast Friends"

is in the Making

Stitching together the lives of breast cancer survivors

By Charlene Rooke

As Mary Sullivan Holdgrafer talks she sews, her needle dipping regularly to create tiny, perfect stitches that bring order to disparate scraps of fabric. When she has the odd shapes assembled they form a harmonious landscape, a promising little vista of about 20 centimetres square. Perhaps a number of them will later be linked together and quilted, plump pockets of stuffing swelling between the lines of stitching, creating a central pattern that unifies the entire effort.

Sitting in the kitchen of her cozy Glenora-area home in Edmonton, she seems to derive peace from the steady, calming work. Holdgrafer, '88 MEd, had abandoned her quilting hobby in the mid-'70s but picked it up again after being diagnosed with breast cancer in

1990 and undergoing a mastectomy. "For my own self, this has been a really important part of my healing," says the textile artist, who has created 13 quilts dealing with her breast cancer experience.

Her own healing experiences, along with those of more than 15 other women who found healing in the making of breast cancer quilts, were recently compiled for a research study done by Holdgrafer and Cynthia Dunnigan, '94 BA (Native Studies), a master's degree candidate in the Department of Anthropology. Their paper on the subject will be published in a future issue of *Patchwords*, the journal of the Canadian Quilt Study Group, and the two have recently presented a talk on their findings in a number of venues, including at the Empey Lecture sponsored by the Depart-

ment of Human Ecology during Reunion Weekend '96.

The collaborators share a familiarity not only from working closely together over the past year, but from their underlying relationship: Cynthia is married to Mary's son. When Holdgrafer learned of a call for papers for a quilt study conference last year, she thought about her breast cancer quilts as a potential topic. "I've been part of an academic community all my life, so it made sense to do that," says Holdgrafer, who has worked extensively as an educator with the families of young handicapped children, was recently an artist-in-residence in the Department of Human Ecology on campus, and is married to U of A speech pathology and audiology professor Gary Holdgrafer.

As Mary thought about telling her

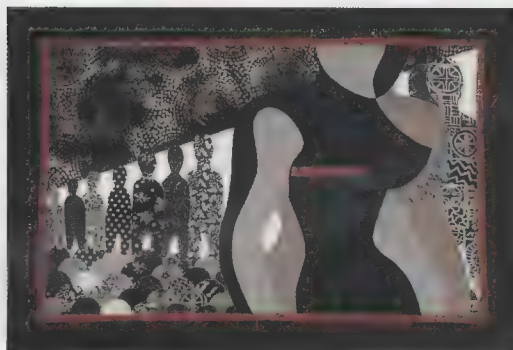
story she recalled the tenderness with which Cynthia had collected her own family's stories before the recent passing of her grandparents. Says Holdgrafer, "I knew she would hear and value my story as she had valued her grandparents'."

"I knew a lot about Mary, but not about her breast cancer experience," says Dunnigan, who has been collecting oral life histories of Métis women for her master's thesis. "Knowing her made it easier, because I knew where to start asking the questions that would give me the information I needed."

Tracing patterns

The resulting paper naturally led the two to wonder whether other breast cancer survivors had, like Mary, found healing in the making of quilts. Accordingly, they designed two questionnaires – one to collect women's life histories and one for technical information about their quilting. Through the Canadian Quilt Study Group and through the organizers of Healing Legacies, an exhibition of art by women with breast cancer recently mounted by Calgary's Glenbow Museum (including all 13 of Holdgrafer's breast cancer quilts), they sent the surveys to 15 breast cancer quilters and received written replies from every one of them. Although 15 may seem like a relatively small sample to study, "I believe that each story has intrinsic value," says Dunnigan, who uses the life history method in her research.

Most of the replies were remarkably candid. Although each woman's experience with breast cancer was unique, common threads could be traced among them. "Everyone who wrote to us said they were well-cared for medically," says Dunnigan – it was their emotional and spiritual needs that went unattended. As Holdgrafer wrote in one artist's statement for her quilts, "... I was one of a throng of patients. I often felt anonymous – not only



In general, the medical care I received was excellent:

however, I was painfully aware I was one of a throng of patients.

I often felt anonymous – not only breastless but faceless to boot!

—artist's statement for the quilts "Another in a Million II"

breastless but faceless to boot!"

Because Dunnigan is not herself a breast cancer survivor, she was surprised by some of their findings – for instance, the "dark humor" manifested in elements such as chopped-off breasts and the playful use of brassiere imagery in the quilts. "Knowing that humor is part of the healing process makes it easier to understand," says Dunnigan. Holdgrafer, well-acquainted with the special brand of black humor found in her own breast cancer support network, just smiles knowingly.

Though the collaboration began with a single paper, "It's more like our life's work now," says Holdgrafer, only half-

jokingly. Dunnigan's thesis will incorporate a section on Holdgrafer's life history and the two hope to continue to deliver their poignant audiovisual presentation on the work, perhaps to the medical community and other interested groups.

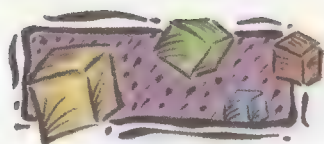
Though Dunnigan had a baby in November and Holdgrafer will be away during her husband's sabbatical next year, the project will remain a touchstone. "It's long-term. We can always keep working on it," says Dunnigan. "And it doesn't stop in between – it keeps growing," adds Holdgrafer. ➤

To participate in this ongoing research project, contact the researchers through the Office of Alumni Affairs.

Sima Khorrami



Holdgrafer and Dunnigan studied breast cancer quilting from a human ecological perspective as a form of textile art therapy in the personal healing process, and from an anthropological perspective as a seminal experience in women's lives.



Chain Reaction

One man's longtime dedication to the study of analytical chemistry continues to reap rewards



It was a week to remember. In the span of seven days this past summer, three University of Alberta professors separately received major international scientific awards. Even more remarkable: not only were all three from one faculty (Science) but all were chemists. And not only chemists, but analytical chemists.

In late August, **Gary Horlick**, '65 BA, a University of Alberta faculty member for 27 years and now chair of the Department of Chemistry, accepted the Award in Spectrochemical Analysis at

Analytical Chemistry as part of the opening ceremonies of Euroanalysis IX in Bologna, Italy. Harrison shared the prestigious Merck prize with Dr Andreas Manz of Imperial College, London for their pioneering work in developing a miniaturized capillary electrophoresis-based chemical analysis system on a microchip.

The awards to Horlick, Harrison and Dovichi are the most recent reminders of the superlative work in analytical chemistry being done at the University of Alberta. "Alberta is clearly the best analytical

ary). Harris describes the awards won by his younger colleagues as major recognition for top-quality work. "I told them they are blowing my mind."

The science of recognizing substances

Without Harris there might not be any analytical group at the U of A – only his strength of character and extraordinary efforts in the classroom kept the focus on analytical chemistry alive at the University when it was being dispersed elsewhere.

Harris is now 81 years old, but a vigorous 81 years. He still curls at least once a week during the winter, and his tall, erect figure, topped by its waves of snowy hair, is a familiar sight on campus as he walks or cycles from his home in Windsor Park to the office he still maintains in the Chemistry Building west wing.

Analytical chemistry can be succinctly described as the science of recognizing different substances and determining their constituents. Everyday applications range from assaying ores to detecting trace amounts of toxins in the environment. When Harris began his study of chemistry at the University of Alberta more than 60 years ago, the U of A and the University of Toronto were the only Canadian centres with specialists in analytical chemistry.

At Alberta that specialist was Professor O.J. Walker, under whose tutelage Harris did a master's degree before leaving for the University of Minnesota. "Minnesota was the leading centre in the world for analytical chemistry," explains Harris, who trained in polarography (a technique for identifying unknown substances through their characteristic reduction potentials) there under the legendary I.M. Kolthoff, earning his doctoral degree in 1944.

In 1947, having served in the

U.S. government's synthetic rubber program at Minnesota, Harris returned to Alberta to teach analytical chemistry. He was little aware that he would soon have to fight for its survival. "There was a queer period beginning in the mid-1950s when theory was in the ascendance," recalls Harris. "It was a time of destruction. All over the place universities were shoving analytical chemistry aside."

It became the fashion, he says, to integrate analytical chemistry into other courses, doing away with distinct instruction in that field. It happened in Toronto, which had been the leading Canadian centre for analytical chemistry. It happened at MIT, which had been a North American leader. It even happened at Minnesota, which had led the world.

A difference in Alberta

But it didn't happen at Alberta. Harris wouldn't let it. "Walter knew that if he wanted to ensure that analytical chemistry survived, he would have to make the course so popular that nobody could touch it," explains Kratochvil. "And he did just that."

"His Chemistry 312 was one of the most popular courses there was. He was tremendously well organized, and he paid terrific attention to detail. There were lots of good experiments in the course, and it developed tremendous experimental technique and confidence in the students. Years later people – people who became successful chemists – still tell me that that was the course that made the difference for them."

It also made the difference for the survival of analytical chemistry at the University of Alberta. When the Chemistry Department was organized into divisions in 1960, analytical chemistry was one of them (along with organic, inorganic, and physical chemistry divisions) and, alongside the oth-

Lotus Studio



University of Alberta analytical chemists (l to r) Harris, Harrison, Dovichi and Horlick.

the American Chemical Society's 1996 annual meeting in Orlando, Florida. At the same gathering, U of A chemist Norm Dovichi, who has developed exciting new techniques to speed up DNA sequencing, received the Division of Analytical Chemistry's Award in Chemical Instrumentation. Both received their awards on 26 August, the first day of the conference.

Seven days later on another continent, their colleague Jed Harrison accepted the Heinrich Emanuel Merck Award for

chemistry group in Canada and is regarded as one of the top three in North America – and in fact it may be even better than that," says Ron Kratochvil.

Kratochvil, an associate vice-president (research) at the U of A, speaks with understandable pride; a former chair of the Department of Chemistry, he is himself an analytical chemist. Another who shares that pride is the man who brought Kratochvil to Alberta in 1967, emeritus professor **Walter Harris**, '38 BSc, '39 MSc, '91 LLD (Honor-

ers, it has continued to prosper. When analytical chemistry as a separate study began to return to favor in the 1970s, Alberta had a head start thanks to Harris.

Recalling the effort that he put into his teaching, Harris is reflective: "I guess my attitude is that in all fields a good job of teaching contributes to the

success of the research effort as well." It is an attitude that Harris has been able to pass on to those who have followed him — including Horlick, Dovichi and Harrison, who are aware that they walk in his shadow.

Horlick, who was a student in Harris' Chem 312 class, describes his former teacher's

legacy best. "Before 1970, the active academic practitioners in analytical chemistry in Canada numbered only about half a dozen. Walter was among this group and he was the key person in stimulating the growth of academic analytical chemistry in Canada. In particular, his contributions to the development of

analytical chemistry at this university and within Canada cannot be overstated. Through his dedication and hard work, he laid the groundwork for the success of analytical chemistry at the U of A. Through our graduates that has now spread to several other Canadian universities." 🎓

Survey Says ...

... that U of A graduates are getting jobs and building promising careers



endy Coffin has known it for a long time, but now she has indisputable proof: University of Alberta graduates get jobs.

Career and Placement Services (CaPS) on campus, of which Coffin is the director, has completed a survey of U of A alumni that reveals bright job prospects and a mounting career trajectory for recent graduates. Five years after graduation, only 1.5 per cent of the respondents were unemployed, and nearly 70 per cent had found full-time, permanent employment. Not flipping burgers, either — three-quarters of the respondents said a university degree was a requirement for the position they held. "Now, for the first time, we have concrete information about the career paths people are taking and we know they are finding work related to their fields of study," Coffin says.

More than 2,000 alumni cooperated in the survey. In January 1996 CaPS, assisted by the Population Research Laboratory on campus, surveyed 2,116 graduates from 1990 by telephone (in Canada) or by mail (outside the country). The respondents were asked a detailed set of questions dealing with their employment situation 6 months, three years, and five years after graduation. "We were overwhelmed by the level of cooperation," says Coffin — especially considering that the telephone survey took from 20 to 40 minutes of each graduate's time.

Along with the proof that a U of A education helps land jobs, the survey showed that university graduates steadily advance along their chosen career paths. "Promotion and advancement are the reasons graduates gave us for leaving jobs," Coffin says. One remarkable finding was that more than 10 per cent of graduates held senior manage-

ment or professional business and finance positions only 6 months after graduation — that number rises to 16 per cent five years after graduation. The ability to trace those kinds of trends over time makes the CaPS survey unique. "Though some universities have been doing similar studies, they haven't done them in the same depth or us-



ing the same kind of method as we have," says Coffin.

While many of the survey's findings confirmed long-held beliefs about the value of a university education, others were surprising. For instance, the researchers had expected short-term, contract, temporary and self-employment to be more prevalent among recent graduates than it proved to be. And the job prospects in certain specific fields defied researchers' expectations, although Coffin declines to give a shopping list of the "hot jobs" for recent grads. "What's important to us is not just that graduates are simply working, but that they're working at something that's a good fit for them."

Coffin hopes that the CaPS survey, which was funded by \$56,000 from the Office of the Vice-President (Academic), will be widely used both by students and by the University's faculties and administra-

tion. For instance, the survey showed that 40 per cent of graduates went back to school at some point within five years of graduation. "Each faculty can look at the results to see whether graduates are going on to study something we don't offer at the University, or whether there's something missing from our programs," says Coffin. The survey results also indicated that more than half the graduates who had early success in their job searches (within six months) used networking to find jobs — more than half of them directly or indirectly knew their employer before being hired. "That helps make a strong case for co-op programs and internships," says Coffin.

The employment survey's encouraging results are bound to have positive residual effects. The number of students using the resource centre in the bright new location of CaPS on the second floor of SUB is sure to climb — as many as 1,000 students and alumni per day pass through the doors during peak periods. The number of employers who post jobs through CaPS has been increasing by 20 per cent annually, and Coffin expects even more to participate now. "If a company sees that the University cares, I think they're more likely to want to get involved here," Coffin says.

Most of all, the survey's results may help give students a sense of optimism about the future. Shortly after the survey results were released, Coffin was picking up some dry-cleaning and the clerk, a student at the U of A, said how much the news meant to her. "Now there's hope," said the student, "that there will be something there for me when I graduate." 🎓

For more information about employment services available from CaPS, or to receive a copy of the employment survey results, call (403)492-4291.



TUCK SHOP

After Atlanta

*The International
Paralympic Committee
president keeps on
building*

By Charlene Rooke

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ABOUT

BOB STEADWARD

**At the Tuck Shop
would order:**

large half & half (white and
chocolate milk), hot roast beef
sandwich, fries with gravy,
cinnamon bun

Favorite music:

This Eston, Saskatchewan
boy loves country – "there is
no other type of music"

Doesn't leave home without:

IBM ThinkPad laptop computer

Last book read:

The New Lords of the Rings
by Andrew Jennings

Cities he loves:

Oslo, Beijing

Airport he hates:

London's Heathrow

Bob Steadward is a builder.

He has built a world-class sporting organization, a renowned fitness, research and training centre, and a successful academic career – all this despite originally "flunking out" of University in the pre-dentistry program and taking a year off literally to build: working as a contractor, constructing homes, renovating, bricklaying.

Steadward, '69 BPE, '71 MSc, says he sometimes reflects back and wonders if he should have made bricks and mortar his career. "I still love that kind of work," says the 26-year U of A Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation veteran, "As soon as I retire

*"I've seen so many people with
a disability who went on to
make amazing contributions ...
they are the real heroes."*

perhaps I'll pursue it again."

Retire? Not in the near future, if the International Paralympic Committee, the Rick Hansen Centre, and the U of A have anything to say about it. As the founding and current president of the IPC, Steadward heads the second-largest sport organization in the world and the international governing body for athletes with a disability. On campus, he's the director of the multi-disciplinary health, fitness, lifestyle and research facility that was named in 1987 after wheelchair athlete Rick Hansen rolled through Alberta on his "Man in Motion" tour. During the past 26 years Steadward has been a popular teacher of undergraduate anatomy and adapted physical education and an associate dean and department chair in the Faculty.

Given that the IPC presidency, a volunteer position he

has held since 1989, consumes about 30 hours per week, it's miraculous that he maintains a normal University schedule. But he does, squeezing all of the international travel that goes along with the IPC position into evenings, weekends and his annual holidays – spending a total of 120 days out of the country last year and logging the kind of air miles most people only dream of at the grocery checkout.

"I never get jet lag," claims Steadward. His secret? Eat small meals and drink no alcohol when travelling, and adapt to the local clock when you land. (It helps if, like Steadward, you only need four to five hours of sleep a night.) "When I first started to travel extensively I thought, 'I've come all this way and spent all this money, I should just eat and drink everything in sight.' Now, I know better," Steadward laughs.

Although he regularly rubs shoulders with dignitaries – Steadward watched the opening ceremonies of the Atlanta Paralympics seated next to American vice-president Al Gore – he tries not to treat them any differently than he would a student or a colleague. "You can't allow yourself to get caught up in their high profile," Steadward advises.

Despite the glamor and globe-trotting travel, the people Steadward admires most are his family, including his wife, **Laura Steadward (Thomson)**, '67 BA, and two daughters, Tommi Lynn and Bobbi Jo, both U of A students. He says fondly, "A family that has put up with my lifestyle and remained as close as we are ... has to consist of very special people."

It took a special person to spot promise in a young man with his shirt inside-out and backwards, one rolled-up pant-leg, wearing one shoe and a sign

declaring "I am an ignorant insolent St. Stephen's frosh."

Steadward chuckles fondly at the memory of himself, circa 1964 – seniors had sent him on a Frosh Week mission to collect girls' phone numbers, including that of his wife of 29 years. "I highlighted all the best ones. Of course, hers was among them," he recalls.

Steadward is inspired, too, by the energy of his students and the many people he's met over the years who've defeated seemingly insurmountable problems. "I've seen so many people with a disability who overcame adversity and went on to make amazing contributions ... they are the real heroes," says Steadward, whose first experience with disability sport was coaching a wheelchair basketball team while he was a U of A student.

Building a legacy

After the extraordinary growth and success of the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Steadward will likely serve a third and final term as IPC president when his current term ends next year. Looking forward into the new millennium, Steadward is confident that the aims he set out to accomplish with the organization will be achieved. Looking back at the directions his career has taken, he says, "Just look at the things this University has allowed me to do. I've had so many opportunities in the faculty and the University that boredom will never be one of my complaints."

This tireless advocate for amateur sport is currently involved in the bid to bring the World Track and Field Championships to Edmonton in 2001. One day, there may be time for Bob Steadward to relax on family vacations, to hunt and fish, and to dust off his toolbox again. Right now, he has more building to do. 🛠️

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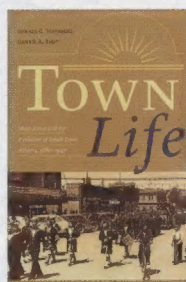
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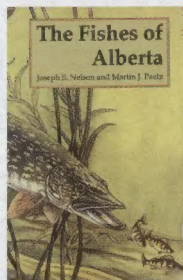
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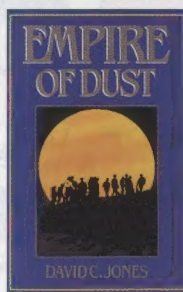
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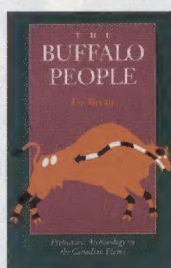
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